

Reduce, reuse, rethink recycling

BY STELLA VUJIC AND MARGARET GAW
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When students are asked how to be “sustainable,” one word comes up more than any other: recycle. This fall, Harpeth Hall is changing its approach to this complex process.

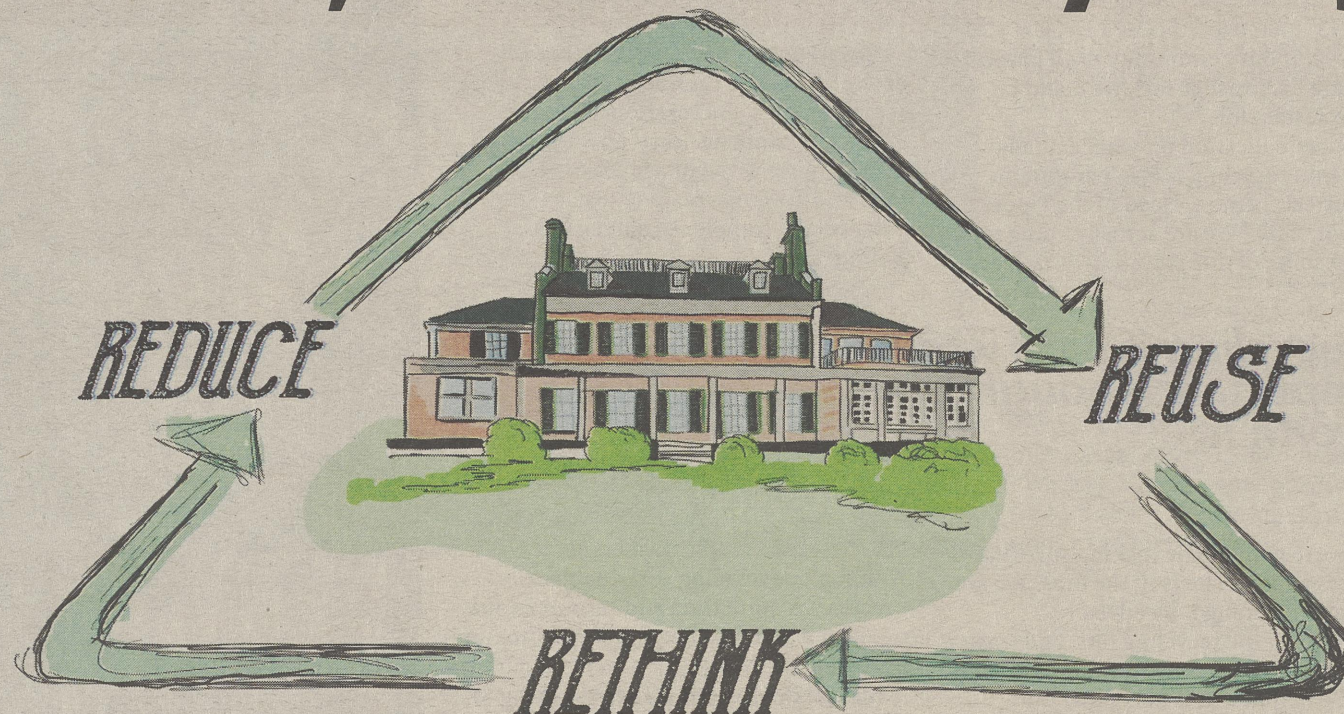
Sustainability efforts at Harpeth Hall started several years ago, largely through the leadership of Upper School math teacher Polly Linden. Now, she and Middle School science teacher Amy Emerson are heads of the Green Team, which is an initiative to increase oversight of recycling and other sustainability issues at Harpeth Hall.

Amid rumors that the school community hadn’t been recycling properly, Ms. Linden and Mrs. Emerson decided to investigate by doing a one-week audit of the recycling and garbage dumpsters.

“We have two [recycling dumpsters]. The one by the cafeteria fills up in two days with boxes because of all the produce we get from the kitchen, so that was filling up with cardboard boxes and nothing else,” Ms. Linden said. “The one behind Bullard [gymnasium in the Upper School] was just empty.”

According to Head of School Stephanie Balmer, this problem has not been intentional—in fact, it is more of the result of a miscommunication. “In the fall of 2016, we had to hire three different cleaning companies given the high standard expected at Harpeth Hall,” Dr. Balmer said.

Ms. Linden and Mrs. Emerson’s efforts revealed that the new cleaning team has not been properly educated on the school’s



NEW PERSPECTIVES: Harpeth Hall contemplates new directions for the sustainability initiative. Graphic by Ashley Zhu.

recycling policies.

“The transition to a new cleaning company resulted in a change in our recycling protocol. Ms. Linden and Mrs. Emerson discovered through an audit of our trash that our recycling efforts prior to the fall of 2016 were no longer in place,” Dr. Balmer said.

This is a complex issue. Head of Maintenance Brad McKenzie said, “The cleaning crew actually does all of the recycling collecting...no one else is on campus when they do that, for the most part.”

Ms. Linden explained that this, along with a language barrier, has

made it difficult for the community to communicate properly with the cleaning team about recycling.

“Through no fault of anyone’s, it’s just that the communication lines aren’t direct, and because I work in the day and the cleaning crew works at night, I can’t talk to them directly,” Ms. Linden said. “Also, they mostly speak Spanish....It’s not for not wanting to get it right, but it’s just a complicated line that we have to go through.”

Ms. Linden has been working with the Spanish department to get some notes translated into Spanish. The communication problem could also

possibly be remedied by upper-level Spanish students as a class translation project.

“I think after finally getting a cleaning crew that was successful, we just didn’t follow through to make sure they got the information they needed,” Ms. Linden said. “It was not necessarily the cleaners’ fault. They haven’t been told in a clear way what to do...that’s what we haven’t been successful at.”

Now that the recycling problem has come to light, it is the job of the entire community to increase sustainability going forward.

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Mass shooting in Las Vegas shakes the nation

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Few moments occur in history that leave an entire nation shaken to its core. On Oct. 2, 2017, the worst mass shooting in modern-day American history took place in Las Vegas, Nevada. It left the American public mourning alongside the families of the 600 victims.

On Sunday night of Oct. 1, thousands of spectators were enjoying Jason Aldean, the headline act of the Route 91 Harvest Festival.

Suddenly, shots flew through the crowd from a nearby hotel, sending attendees into chaos.

It was later revealed that Stephen Paddock, a 59-year-old man with no history of violence, is responsible.

As of right now, there is no clear motive of the shooter. Police are still working on investigating and questioning known acquaintances of him.

This event took a particular toll on Nashville due to the festival’s connection to country music.

The event drew thousands of country fans from all over; the attendees are part of Nashville’s country music community. On Monday evening, a vigil was held in Nashville to commemorate the victims.

One star, Lee Brice, who performed at the festival commented on the tragedy. He said, “There’s a pride in country music and what they stand for and what they believe in and I don’t think that’s going to change because of one person who wants to take that away from them.”



RIISING ABOVE VIOLENCE: Mourners pay tribute to the victims of the Las Vegas shooting in the days following the tragedy. Photo courtesy of New York Times.



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"It's a community effort," Mr. McKenzie said. "You're talking roughly 850 people on campus. So it takes all 850 of us to work together and recycle and conserve."

Dr. Balmer said, "We have learned that we use 1,000 paper plates a week at a cost of \$250. If our community used plates that are dishwasher safe, we could be more sustainable."

Proper education on what actually goes into recycling is also paramount. Armistead Lemon, Head of the Upper School, said, "We are actually going to be doing some of this recycling ourselves,

Harpeth Hall's sustainability initiative is promoting education about sustainable practices.

This was the motivation behind inviting a variety of speakers from across the community and the country on campus last year to discuss sustainability-related issues like food waste.

"Awareness is key. Our students will arrive on college campuses that are larger, more complex, and more sustainable. I hope our students learn how to ask critical questions while at Harpeth Hall and develop creative, sustainable solutions to complex problems," Dr. Balmer said.

Recycling is hard work, but if you think it's important enough then the hard work is worth it.

Polly Linden

and we're going to be making sure that what is appropriate is in the bins. We are going to be doing it by advisory."

Installing the recycling bins and trash cans next to each other on campus could also be helpful. "It is likely that our community throws recyclable materials in the trash because of the difficulty in finding a recycling receptacle," Dr. Balmer said.

One of the most important facets of

"These are complicated issues. Although developing sustainable practices require time and resources, the net gain is so incredibly important to our environment."

Ms. Linden agreed. "The easy thing to do is throw everything in the garbage," she said.

"Recycling is hard work, but if you think it's important enough then the hard work is worth it."



THINK, LEAD, LIVE GREEN: Students pose with Linda Breggin (right) and Seema Prasad (left) following their presentation on food waste during an assembly on Nov. 2, 2016. Photo courtesy of harpethhall.org.

2018 Gubernatorial race heats up in Tennessee

BY ELEANOR HENDERSON
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Tennessee's next election for governor is still a year away, but five Republicans and two Democrats have already announced their candidacy.

At this early point in the race, all candidates share common themes of supporting education, small business and addressing Tennessee's opioid addiction crisis. Republican candidates especially will need to differentiate themselves before the primary election on Aug. 2, 2018.

For the Democrats, candidates include Karl Dean and Craig Fitzhugh. For the Republicans, candidates include Randy Boyd, Beth Harwell, Bill Lee, Mae Beavers and Diane Black.

Democratic frontrunner Karl Dean entered the race first in February. Dean served as Nashville mayor from 2007 to 2015, leading Nashville during the Great Recession and the flood of 2010. Dean is also a parent of Harpeth Hall alumnae Frances Dean ('12) and Wallen Dean ('14).

Fitzhugh, minority leader of the Tennessee House of Representatives and small-town banker, launched his campaign in early August. Fitzhugh served four years of active duty in the Air Force as a captain in the Judge's Advocate General Corps and has been serving in the legislature since 1994.

Randy Boyd, former Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development during Governor Bill Haslam's administration, is a Knoxville-area business owner. Boyd started his campaign in March and was the first Republican to officially enter the



LEADING CONFIDENTLY: Senior Lia Hayduk works with Karl Dean on his campaign for governor. Photo courtesy of Lia Hayduk.

race.

Lee is president of Lee Company, an air conditioning and appliance maintenance service provider. A Franklin, TN native, he started his campaign in April, and like Boyd, has never held elected office.

Harwell, Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives since 2011, announced her candidacy in mid-July. With a PhD from Vanderbilt, this former political science instructor has served in the House since 1988 representing the 56th District, which includes Harpeth

Hall. She is the first woman to serve as Speaker of the House.

In the upcoming election, set to occur on Nov. 8, 2018, many Harpeth Hall students will be voting for the first time.

"I hope students will prioritize their values and vote accordingly," social sciences teacher Tony Springman said.

"They should look beyond the negative campaigning that is sure to come and investigate the voting records of each candidate." He also advised looking at the candidates' websites.

The August primary election is when each political party will establish their candidate for the general election.

Tennessee has open primaries, meaning Republicans, Democrats and Independents can vote in any primary they choose. To vote in the primary election, students must be 18 years old by Aug. 2 and registered at least 30 days before the election.

The Election Commission will be at Harpeth Hall in January of 2018 to assist with registration of all students 17 and older.

"Left to navigate the process on their own, only a small percentage of eligible Nashville high school students register to vote," Lisa Pierce of the Davidson County Election Commission said.

"So this program [high school-focused voter registration] is certainly critical to developing civic engagement and voter participation by our young people."

Tennessee has the lowest voter turnout in the nation, but to many, recently-established online voter registration is a positive step forward.

"It is pivotal that Harpeth Hall girls exercise their right to vote because of the brave women who have come before us," President of Women in Government senior Lia Hayduk said.

"Voting in this upcoming gubernatorial is necessary for Harpeth Hall girls because the candidate will directly influence Tennessee. Harpeth Hall girls need to become invested and support candidates who they agree with."

Even if students are not old enough to vote in Aug. and Nov. of 2018, they can influence who will be our next governor by volunteering their time or contributing funds to a candidate's campaign.

A dream deferred: Trump's decision to end DACA



JOINING HANDS: A diverse group of individuals block traffic as they stand together in support of the DACA program in Washington, D.C. in Sept. of 2017. Photo courtesy of NBC News.

BY HAV WHITING
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For the Trump administration, many things remain up in the air—including DACA.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, more commonly referred to as DACA, is an American immigration policy passed under the Obama administration in June 2012.

DACA was put in place to allow undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children to apply to colleges and universities, as well as to obtain a work permit.

According to a 2015 U.S. census, more than 800,000 applicants were enrolled in the program. DACA was preceded by the DREAM Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) that failed to pass in 2001, but essentially would have supplied similar benefits as DACA.

DACA has since been rescinded under the Trump Administration as of Sept. 5, 2017. President Trump has granted Congress a six-month grace period to plan next steps for the beneficiaries of DACA and to discuss the possibility of deportation for beneficiaries of DACA.

In his article "DACA's beneficiaries landed good jobs, enrolled in college,

and contributed to society" behavioral scientist Roberto Gonzalez said, "[DACA has] increased the wages and labor force participation among undocumented immigrants, and without it the United States may see a sizeable shift in the economy."

Some Harpeth Hall students are concerned about the change. "DACA allowed the Dreamers to get a job, education, support their families and contribute to their communities without fear of being deported," sophomore Eleanor Henderson said.

"These are human beings with families, our neighbors and dreamers just like

us. They deserve to have the same opportunities as any other American."

President Trump has remained non-committal on reinstating the DREAM Act. "I understand the situation very well. What I'd like to do is a comprehensive immigration plan. But our country and political forces are not ready yet," Trump said, according to the Huffington Post.

For now, it appears that President Trump is working with Congressional Democrats to come up with a comprehensive solution for the young dreamers whose livelihoods are in limbo.

Harpeth Hall celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

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This month, the Harpeth Hall community will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage month and learning about the Hispanic community in the Nashville community and beyond.

The month, which runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, can be a cultural learning opportunity for students. "It gives us a chance to recognize the culture of not just our bordering country, but our fellow students," sophomore Lydia Crider said.

Two clubs on campus, Real World and Spanish club, partnered up to hold an all-school assembly promoting Hispanic Heritage month on Oct. 5.

The assembly focused specifically on the Latino community in and around the city of Nashville and included presentations by Real World, Spanish Club, Spanish V and guest speaker Marcela Gómez.

"We wanted to help students realize that there's so much more of a Latino influence in our community than we realize, and it's important to recognize and appreciate that," Spanish Club co-president Shaye Hendricks said.



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY: Marcela Gomez speaks to students about her experiences as a Colombian woman in America during an all-school assembly on Oct. 5. Photo by Kathleen Norton.

Marcela Gómez, a businesswoman and a leader in Nashville's Latino community, spoke during the assembly about this important part of our city's

culture.

"I am Colombian. I am American. I am a Nashvillian," she said.

During the assembly, students also

spoke to the influence of Harpeth Hall's Spanish Department on increasing cultural awareness on campus.

Speaking about a volunteering trip in Honduras, Spanish club co-President Rachel Singleton said, "Spanish at Harpeth Hall is not just taught as a language; our teachers emphasize the importance of the culture behind it. This understanding served me well in my experiences in Honduras."

"I was able to not only connect with the people because of my knowledge of the language, but because of my understanding of the culture that comes with it."

In light of Hispanic Heritage Month, Real World will host an event exploring women's issues in Latin America.

Bushra Rahman, Vice President of Real World's women's issues division, said, "The main focus of our meeting will be to combine Women's issues and Hispanic Heritage Month and address them collectively. We plan to host a discussion and presentation to promote awareness on the hardships that women face in Latin America."

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18 in the Library Board Room.

Commemorating the history of Logos

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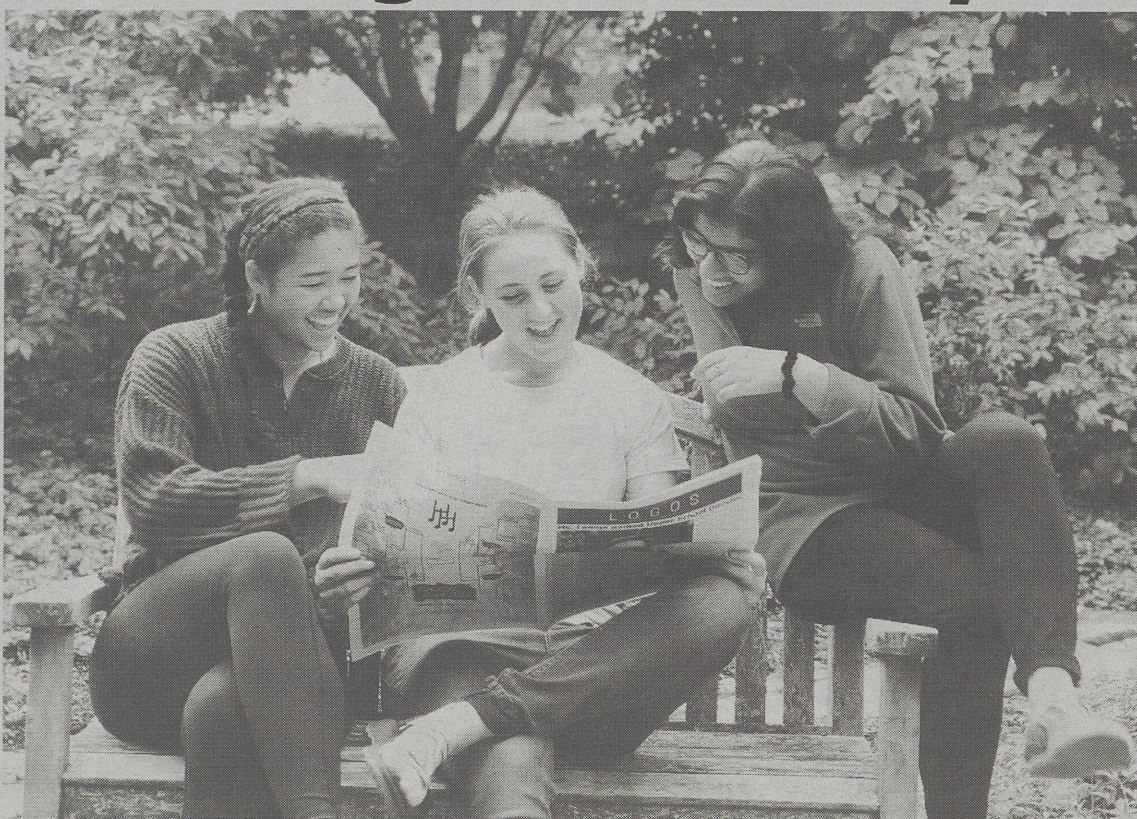
Logos has served the school by informing students, faculty and the broader Harpeth Hall community. The history of the newspaper is important in understanding and commemorating Logos's 46 years of existence.

On the lower level of the Harpeth Hall library sits the archives, housing many years of this school's history and past Logos newspapers. The oldest Logos newspaper dates back to May 1971. This edition included articles such as "Sabele Plans Ahead" about the newest Student Council president in 1971, Sabele Foster.

The article focuses on her desire to de-emphasize petty issues such as skirt lengths and chewing gum on campus to focusing on the importance of studying and the honor code. The honor system is deeply rooted in the school's history and is as relevant now as it was in 1971. Not to mention, the topic of skirt lengths is still a hot topic today.

The 1971 paper exemplifies the spirit Logos upholds today by expressing opinions about the school's structure and academic rigor. "Because it is run by students, it allows other students to relate to articles and issues in the school," junior Tess Herzog said.

After the one newspaper published in 1971, the next Logos newspaper was not published until 1980. Either there was a halt in publication for nearly a decade or the archives do not contain a newspaper



A JOYOUS READ: The Editors-in-Chiefs of Logos (from left-to-right: seniors Eleonor Wright, Margaret Gaw, and Bushra Rahman) enjoy previous issues of the newspaper. Photo by Shayne Hendricks.

from this time frame. Between 1980 and 1989 there was a steady number of annual newspapers until there was another gap between 1989-1996 during which no newspapers were published. Since 1996, however, there has been a continuous publication of Logos.

There have been multiple leaders of the newspaper who have each contributed to its improvement. A number of faculty members have overseen the club over the years. In the 1980s, the advisor was

Joyce Ward, a Latin teacher. Then, current Upper School English teacher Jackie Powers became the head of Logos, until there was a transition period during which English teacher Joe Croker took over. Mr. Croker's wife, English teacher Denise Croker, then took up the role in 1999 when she introduced a multitude of changes.

When the Logos team began to participate in conferences and journalism workshops in the early 2000s, Ms. Croker

felt the newspaper needed remodeling. She introduced a new printer, changed a few pages of the newspaper from black and white to color, and in turn created a more professional aesthetic for the newspaper. In the fall of 2001, the name of the Logos newspaper (formerly known as Logos II), dropped the "II" from its name.

The Logos II name derived from the 1980s when a Logos team attended a newspaper conference and decided to name their newspaper after another school's well-known newspaper: Logos. However, because Logos II had nothing to do with Harpeth Hall, Ms. Croker decided to drop the II from the name.

After Ms. Croker's tenure as advisor, Upper School history teacher Bonnie Moses took over the newspaper from 2012-2013 until history teacher Adam Wilsman assumed the role of advisor until present.

Through the years, the school newspaper has played a vital role within the school community.

"Logos means that students have an outlet to express their opinions on current events and other things around Nashville," junior Ann Chapman Tirrill said, "it is especially important to give women a platform to express their thoughts." Logos will continue to represent the student body and encourage the printed word through its many future publications.

Ask Camija: your most pressing questions answered

BY CAMILLE PATTON
Features Editor

Camija, I have really struggled with my transition from middle school to upper school in terms of my grades. They've gone down! How do I go about bringing them back up? Quite honestly, early help is quite daunting!

From, "an Afraid Freshman"

Dear "Afraid Freshman,"

Mornings help can be quite daunting, but in my own experience, there comes a time in the year where I get to a point of no return-- I absolutely have to start going to early help. Please, take my advice, and do not get to that point.

Your teachers want you to succeed, so it's vital that you go to early help if you notice that your grades are slipping. Also, don't be afraid, the Upper School comes with a lot of responsibility, so you need to be sure that you take advantage of your free time. If the morning is too much for you, use your X-blocks, a free block, or break.

Another way that you can seek out extra help is by going to the peer tutoring sessions during lunch on Wednesdays. There are helpful juniors and seniors who really want to help you understand and succeed.

Seeking out extra help is only daunting if you overthink it. Just walk in, and often times you get high rewards for putting in extra time and work!

Dear Camija, my friend group is undergoing a large reconstruction. People are fading out and fading in, and I feel

like I am losing touch with some of my closest friends in years past. Should I let them fade away or should I keep working at those relationships?

From, "a Concerned Friend"

Dear "a Concerned Friend,"

It is a part of life to fade in and out of friendships, as long as there is no drama attached. The same thing happened to me basically all throughout my high school experience, so I'll give you a little insight into what worked best for me.

The first and most important thing that you can do is communicate and have a conversation with your friend. One of the most beneficial things that I have done when I'm having trouble is to get together with your friend and hash out what might be going on. Most of the time, there will be an explanation for why things are happening the way that they are.

The second most vital piece of advice I can give you is to accept change. Friends drift apart when they need to and new relationships form when it is time. Honestly, there is not much you can do about it, so don't try to be in too much control over things like that.

Relationships will pan out the way that they are supposed to as long as you communicate and accept the waves.

Hey, Camija, what are the top 3 Rom Coms for when you are stressed?

From, "Needing a Break"

Dear "Needing a Break,"

Ah, the ever-so-loving affairs of

watching a rom com to get rid of your troubles. . . I can relate.

The number one on my list will definitely have to be "What If" starring Daniel Radcliffe and Zoe Kazan. This movie follows the story of a medical school drop-out who falls in love with a girl at his best friend's party-- but there is only one problem: she has a boyfriend. What effect does love have on a "friend-zoned" relationship?

The next underrated romantic comedy to remedy your troubles is "Moonrise Kingdom." Oh young love, how unattainable and exotic you are to me. This movie follows a young Boy Scout and a young rebellious tween as they try to escape society to cultivate their young love. The only problem is: it's hard to run away on a small island when you're only twelve years old. This movie definitely puts the comedy in rom com.

My last, but equally as important, rom com is "Crazy, Stupid, Love": the classic feel-good film. If you love "The Office" and "La La Land," you will love this movie. Featuring Steve Carrell, Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, this movie follows three main storylines of people trying, and sometimes failing, to find love. If you want something completely NOT relatable with a BIG twist, watch "Crazy, Stupid Love".



CAMIJA IN HER NATURAL HABITAT: Spotted on her way to a new adventure, Camija still makes time to offer advice to students in need. Photo by Jennie Gaw.

Inside scoop on this group: The Male Posse

BY ELEONOR WRIGHT

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They eat in the PDR together everyday at lunch. Their friendships are adored by students. For three decades, this enigmatic group has walked the halls and graced students and teachers alike with their intellect and wisdom.

Many may wonder, "What is this mysterious group of male teachers?" English teacher Joe Croker said, "It's an amazing group of guys. And we just feel lucky to know each other and work together."

When Tony Springman, member of the social sciences department, started at Harpeth Hall 31 years ago there were not many men at the school. Today, males make up roughly 28% of the upper school faculty.

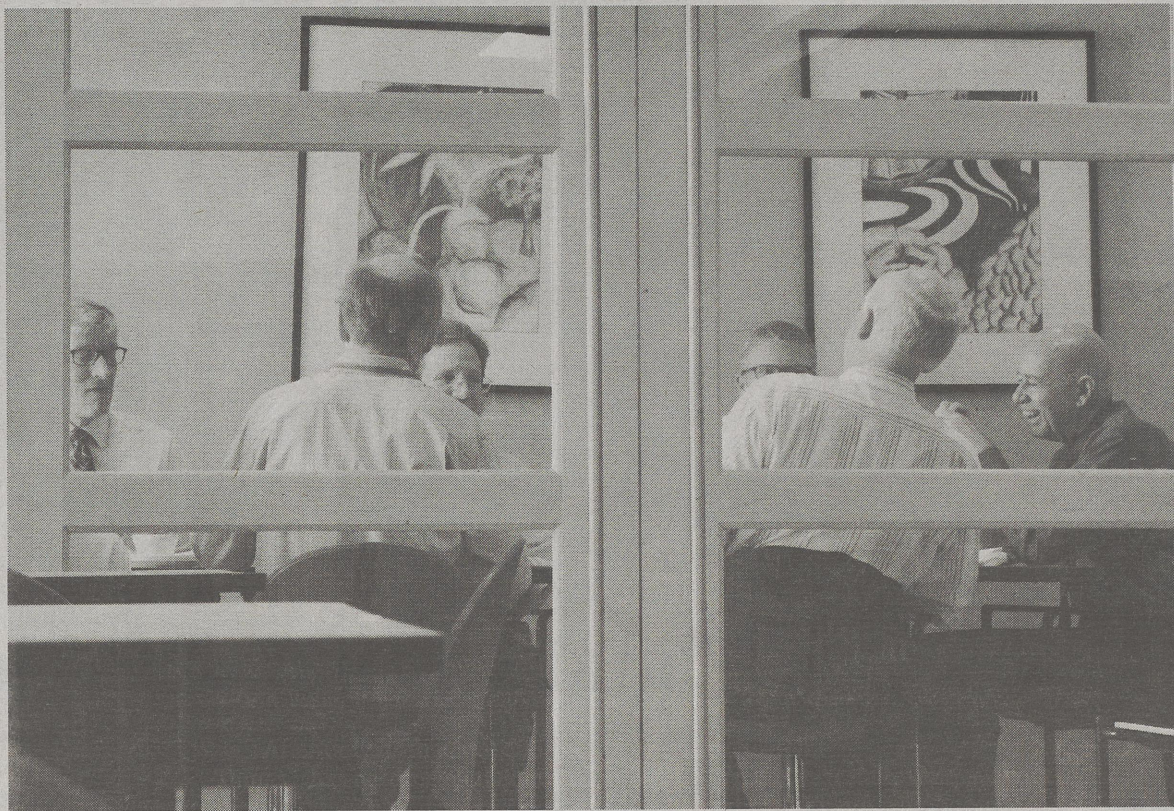
Along with Mr. Springman, foreign language teacher Paul Tuzeneau, social sciences teacher Art Echerd, math teacher Tad Wert, art teacher Mr. Goodwin and former social sciences teacher Jim Cooper, were all among the first male teachers at the school.

The male posse is simply a group of friends who work together and enjoy spending time together. The male posse has, "always been there as long as I can remember," Mr. Wert said.

People tend to self-segregate naturally and gravitate towards the people they enjoy. Many of the male faculty eat lunch together because it is one of the few times throughout the day that they can have extensive conversations with other men.

While they love their jobs, they spend each and every day teaching solely girls. "One of the nicest things about working here is the kids come and go but the men here feel like we have a good relationship with the girls," Mr. Springman said.

They are passionate about teaching, but everyone needs variation in whom they spend time with. The conversations among these men are inherently different from the ones they might have with students or other faculty.



SHARING A LAUGH: The male posse spends quality time sharing school lunch together in their classic PDR spot. Left to right: Dr. Schott, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Tuzeneau, Mr. Wornack, Dr. Echerd and Dr. Jack. Photo by Jennie Gaw.

Not only because they are a bunch of men but also because a lot of them are similar in age, so they are in a different stage of life than some of the younger faculty.

In the lunchroom, they have sarcastic and sports-filled conversations. "You gotta be ready to dish it out and take it," Mr. Springman said. Like teenage boys, they make fun of each other, but this is their way of showing that they care for one another. They sometimes talk about their families, or any other intellectual or cultural topics of discussion.

Regardless, this group shares many laughs. Overall, "It's a good place to come if you've had a bad day," Mr. Springman said.

There is always something interesting or amusing to learn when conversing with them. "The posse is a treasure chest of stories" Mr. Croker said.



THE POSSE POSES: Some members of the male posse pose for a photograph in St. Louis, Missouri in 2014. Left to right: Mr. Springman, Dr. Jack, Dr. Schott, Mr. Wert, Dr. Wilsman, Mr. White, and Dr. Echerd. Photo courtesy of Tony Springman.

However, lunch is not the only time these men hang out. Outside of school they have dinner together with their spouses, go to each others houses and even go on trips together.

They have gone to St. Louis twice and Chicago once, mainly for baseball games.

One of Mr. Wert's favorite memories is when they stayed at Mr. Springman's mom's house in St. Louis and got to see where Mr. Springman grew up.

In addition, one of their most cherished traditions is a grill-out they have every year after graduation. The male posse meets at someone's house and has dinner to celebrate the end of yet another year together.

Students gave the name "male posse" to this group of friends, but this group is not exclusive by any means.

They may send emails around every now and then or attend events together, but there is no formal way they define the group. They hope that other teachers know that everyone is welcome to have lunch with them.

Mr. Springman denies that there is a leader of the posse, but Mr. Croker describes Mr. Springman as the father, or patriarch, of the posse.

In fact, his nickname is "Baba Dass" which means father in some cultures (Baba also means midwife and sponge cake in other cultures though).

"It's just his ego, his perceived gifts as a leader," Mr. Croker said. Mr. Springman clarifies that while he may be the one to invite people on trips or to his house, he states that they are simply a group of friends who like doing things together.

These men truly have a strong friendship. "I've been here three decades now and the closest friends I have are here," Mr. Springman said.

The bond this group has to students and to each other is invaluable. They have such enthusiasm for each other's uniqueness. They treasure their friendships as well as their special place in the Harpeth Hall community.

The hidden treasures of a growing Music City

Reviewing Caviar & Bananas, Little Gourmand, Local Honey and Amelia's Flower Truck

BY NEVA BASS

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It's almost impossible to keep such incredible places in Nashville hidden for long. However, there are some stunning destinations around this up-and-coming city which create a delightful and aesthetically pleasing experience.

Caviar and Bananas is an exquisitely modern blend of laid-back and luxurious, and this hip restaurant will not stay a secret for long. The restaurant is located in Midtown on Broadway a minute from student hotspot San Antonio Taco Company.

Opening just this year, Caviar and Bananas is the perfect spot to go with friends for a classy and relaxed Sunday brunch, for your coffee/tea fix, or for a girls night out. The bright decor and adorably striped umbrellas make it a welcoming spot for all meals. This place

is not one to be missed.

Walking into Little Gourmand, the next of Nashville's hidden gems, transports you almost halfway around the world to Paris. This place serves as an authentic French cafe and market, and is also one of the best kept secrets of Nashville's Francophiles. The cafe is located on Bandywood Drive in the Green Hills area.

This place offers a variety of authentic French sandwiches while keeping the delectable taste. Their handcrafted desserts, such as macaroons, are simply délicieux. They also sell goods imported directly from France, including cookies, teas and chocolates. As one of their French employees would say, bon appétit.

Another cool spot is Local Honey, a clothing store and hair salon. Located in East Nashville and Belmont, it is

a great place for hip new clothes as well as fresh hair trims. This shop is the quintessential local Nashvillian destination as it incorporates both the traditional vibe of old Nashville as well as the trendy and cutting edge culture of our booming city.

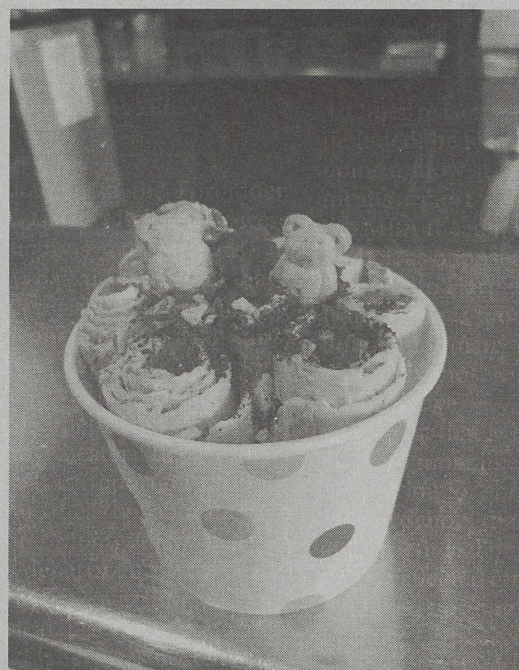
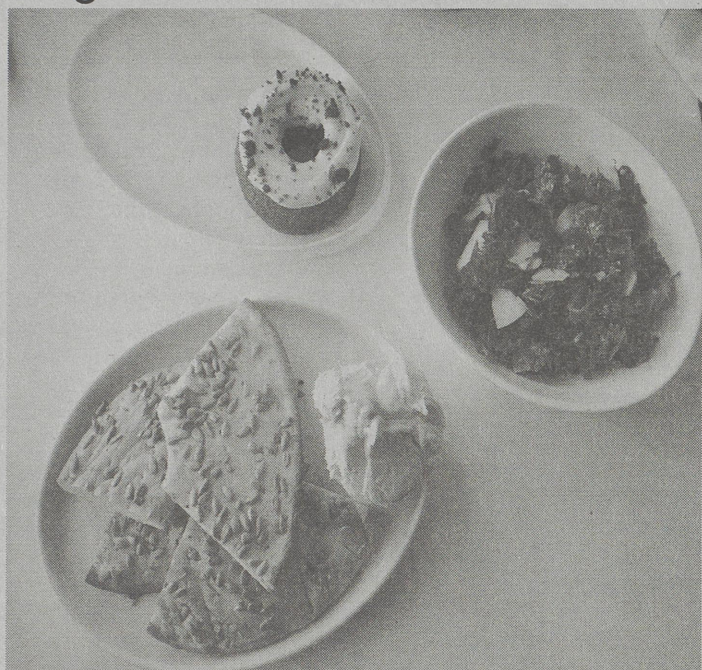
Lastly, Amelia's Flower Truck is a portable flower shop that sells beautiful flowers all around Nashville. Their daily location can be found on their popular instagram page @ameliasflowertruck or their website.

Usually they can be found parked in a spot in 12th South or the Gulch. However, they are easily spotted with their blue vintage Volkswagen truck filled with floral decadence.

All four of these attractions are extraordinary destinations around Nashville, each of them a hidden gem of the city and worth a visit.



BRUNCH DATE: Junior Cole Hastings visit the hot new restaurant, Caviar & Bananas. Photo by Millie Kirkland.



PICTURE PERFECT: Delicious selections from Proper Bagel, a Supreme Kreme delight, and Hugh Baby's perfect lunch: be sure to try out these irresistible bites! Photos by Kate Pittman.

Nashville's best hidden "instagrammable" locations

BY KATE PITTMAN
Staff Writer

From the bustling street corners, to the mountain high cranes, or simply from the seemingly endless lines of traffic, it's clear to anyone that Nashville is growing. Despite the increase in local gridlock, this rapid expansion brings Nashvillians one thing to look forward to: food.

The number of new restaurants in Nashville is astonishing. Over 90 restaurants have been announced to open in Nashville in 2017 alone. This means that there are more "instagrammable" restaurants in town. Each of the restaurants offers an aesthetically pleasing space with Instagram worthy foods that would make followers envious.

Supreme Kreme is located on 8th Avenue, and what is a better way to start a meal than with dessert? Supreme Kreme specializes in rolled ice cream, a Thai food that allows the creator to roll whatever flavor of ice cream they desire into perfect round swirls.

They serve chocolate ice rolls infused with crushed oreos, topped with a decadent chocolate drizzle. They offer a variety of flavors from vanilla to green tea. Although the wait time can reach half an hour or more, it is all worth it. The ice cream is flavorful and exciting, with just the right amount of creative swirl.

Proper Bagel on Belmont was the next stop. A specialty, the New Yorker, is a plain bagel topped with scrambled

farm fresh eggs, applewood bacon, white American cheese and ketchup, as well as a side of the micro green salad. After the meal, the fudge brownie with oreo cream cheese frosting, as well as a baked red velvet donut is a must. The customer service was the best out of all of the restaurants, and the space featured an open floor plan as well as lots of natural light. If you are looking for something unique to Nashville, make sure to try the cookie dough cream cheese.

For those craving a Double-Double from In & Out, but have no plans to be out west anytime soon, Hugh Baby's offers a fix in Nashville. Located on Charlotte Avenue, Hugh Baby's is a one-stop shop for made-to-order

hamburgers and milkshakes. The Double Cheeseburger, a classic burger with lettuce, tomato, onion and their tasty comeback sauce is a great way to start. Their fries were a picture of perfection, from their crunchy golden outside shell to the fluffy fresh inside. Their chocolate milkshakes are soon to be world famous. Overall, Hugh Baby's brings that taste of the west right to Nashville.

With these new restaurants as a sample, it is evident that there is never a dull moment on the Nashville food scene. From decadent desserts at Supreme Kreme, to New York City-style brunch at Proper Bagel, to the ultimate comfort food at Hugh Baby's, there is always something new to try and explore.

Festivals and fun for the crisp autumn weather

BY SHAYE HENDRICKS AND OLIVIA OLAFSSON
Features Editors

The greater Nashville area offers a plethora of fall-themed events ranging from haunted houses to family-oriented gatherings. Each event provides activities for many different ages and interests.

Cheekwood hosts the annual Dia de los Muertos Festival which celebrates Latin American culture within the Nashville community. Dia de los Muertos is Spanish for "Day of the Dead," and it is a popular holiday in Mexico and Central America in which people celebrate their friends and family members who have died.

The festival includes art activities, Spanish music, and delicious food. The Harpeth Hall Spanish club will be leading a group to the fiesta on Oct. 29 and will be participating in the highly anticipated tapete competition in which schools from across the region draw chalk murals to celebrate the Day of the Dead.

Gentry's farm is another favorite fall spot for students and families alike. The farm is family-owned and offers a large selection of pumpkins, hayrides and an activity area for younger children. For the best pumpkins, it is best to visit the farm early. Whether it is for babysitting or just to get into the spirit of Halloween, Gentry's Farm in Franklin, Tennessee is the perfect fall excursion.

One spooky Nashville attraction is



GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT: Members of the Harpeth Hall Spanish Club participate in the Dia de los Muertos festival at Cheekwood last October. Photo by Claire Gonzalez.

the Ghost Story Festival hosted by the Tennessee State Museum. The "Haunted Museum" will be on Oct. 21 from 10 am to 2 pm. The main attractions for this event are various ghost stories and a ghost trail where events of The Bell Witch and other Tennessee ghosts

are told by professional storytellers at the Haunted Storytellers stage at the end of the trail. This event will have refreshments, crafts and prizes; so it's a perfect Saturday break.

Artober is another great way to appreciate the many talents that

Nashville has to offer. The month-long celebration highlights the multifaceted artistic community within the state while also encouraging tourist and resident participation. Students can submit listings to the Artober website if they would like to be featured. With hundreds of cultural events and many relating to the month of October, this festival is a great way to be immersed in the spirit of the season.

Another great event in downtown historic Franklin is Pumpkinfest, middle Tennessee's largest family event. Costume contests, live entertainment, arts and craft vendors, and street food are only some of the many attractions it offers. The event takes place on Oct. 28 from 10 am to 6 pm.

Even if going to these festivals is a time crunch, be sure to engage in the fall traditions. Whether that is carving a pumpkin or eating lots of candy, this season is perfect for being with family and friends.

Take advantage of the cool temperatures and seasonal food this fall, as Nashville has so much to offer.

Make a trip to Cheekwood for a cultural experience, pumpkin pick at Gentry's farm, listen to ghost stories at the Tennessee State Museum, celebrate art, and enjoy the festivities at Pumpkinfest.

As appealing as Netflix in bed may sound, a visit to one of these attractions will certainly put you into the fall mood. Grab your booties and sweater, fall is finally here.

The candy world of Joe Croker

BY MILLIE KIRKLAND

News Editor

His wife and fellow English teacher Denise Croker best described our beloved Media Arts and English teacher Joe Croker when she said, "He really is a renaissance man. He's got the intellect; he's got the art; he's into finance—all sorts of things."

Mr. Croker has a gift for connecting with his students on a personal level—providing them with support in different aspects of their lives. "He is able to grab the girls' imaginations, entertain them, and challenge them intellectually," Ms. Croker said. Students are able to trust him because he is understanding; Perhaps, this empathy comes from his personal life.

His schedule is almost as packed, if not more so, than a Harpeth Hall girl's schedule. As the team captain of a tennis league, he goes from school to sports practice to his home life. Beyond that, he manages to find time to dedicate to art and music. In order to produce his three CDs, Mr. Croker used his design skills to create web pages for producers in exchange for recording time.

To him, though, none of his activities are more important than his family. "Sadly, it's easy to get pulled away from what's most important to you," Mr. Croker said, "But I think I'm more aware of that now that one of my daughters is off at college." All of his family members are also members of the Harpeth Hall community—his daughters, alumna



PURE: A smiling Mr. Croker after playing guitar in Patton. Photo by Stefanie Chiguluri.

Saffee Croker ('17) and sophomore Seville Croker and his wife, Ms. Croker.

His passion for teaching shines through inside and outside of the classroom. As an educator, he forms personal relationships with his students. "Somehow, there's something about him that the girls love and trust so much—that girls who have problems, problems at home, or just things that they want to talk about will

come to him, and he is so good at figuring out what they need—how he can respond," Ms. Croker said. Mr. Croker trusts his students and confides in them, sharing his life stories, so they feel comfortable enough to do the same with him.

Mr. Croker loves stories. From sharing his own to listening to those of others, he has a story for every occasion. In class, he is able to make lessons memorable for his students by relating a personal story or drawing a connection to it. "We are just a wonderful collection of walking stories," Mr. Croker said. "I'm always fascinated by people's stories."

In addition, Mr. Croker emphasizes issue of perfection on Harpeth Hall campus. Generally, students are faced with the challenge of overcoming the stigma of having to be perfect. Mr.

Croker can relate to this struggle, and from his own experience, he knows the dangers of trying to get it right and losing yourself in the process. He closes with advice about perfection in life.

"We are all on the road to find out," Mr. Croker said. Students and teachers alike are all "on the road" to rejecting perfectionism and finding their true potential. Mr. Croker truly exemplifies the spirit and values of Harpeth Hall.

Students working on the weekends

BY CHARLOTTE TAYLOR

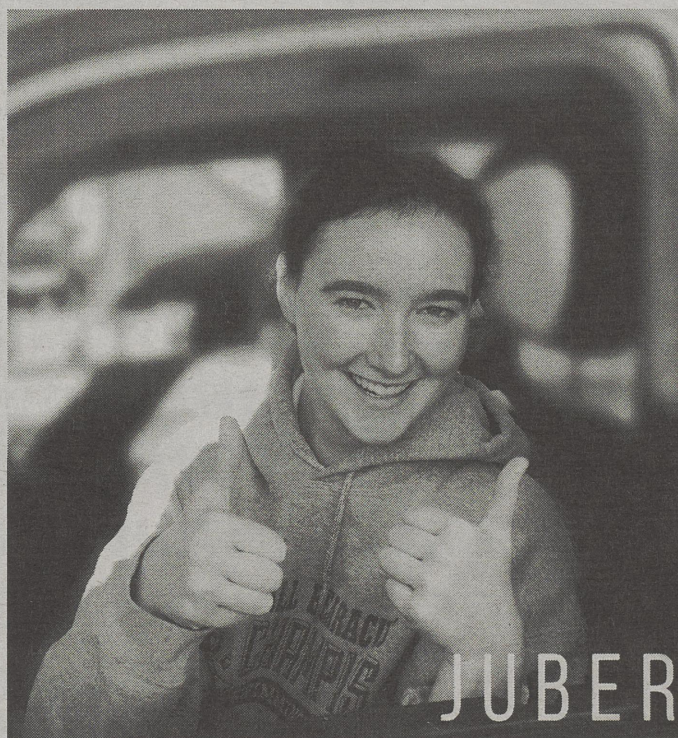
Staff Writer

Whether it be pursuing various AP classes, playing on state title holding sports teams, acting in theatrical performances or leading their peers, Harpeth Hall girls have proved they can do it all; and still, even more. The most recent addition to the agenda of a Harpeth Hall girl is working a part-time job.

Students across all four grades work part-time jobs. These are not typical fetching-the-boss-coffee type internships but real, wage-earning jobs. Ranging from babysitting to waiting tables, student workers hold a wide variety of positions.

Having worked summer camps in the past, junior Zora Young decided that she wanted to pursue a more permanent way to earn money. In early July, she started working on the weekends at the boutique Lizard Thicket in Mount Juliet. "I have to clock in 30 minutes before my shift even starts," Young said. "I organize racks, I have to greet everyone who walks in the door and ask them if they need help."

While Young represents student participation in retail, senior Caroline Hannon works with youths as a swim instructor at Ensworth Swim School where she teaches kids ages 3 to 12 how to swim. She started her job last semester and continued into the summer working every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45 pm to 6:15 pm and Saturday from 9 am to noon. While she is not working at the



"JUBER": Gaw poses before driving a customer to their desired destination. Photo by Ellie Truitt.

moment, Hannon plans to work next semester.

Working during the school year becomes a serious time commitment, as it may be difficult to juggle a job with school and other activities. "It's harder to keep up with social things because I work on the weekends and that's when everything social happens," Young said. Despite the extensive time commitment, jobs are still enjoyable and both Hannon and Young agree that their jobs bring them immense satisfaction.

The workplace can even be a great place to make friends. "I like my [co-workers].

They are really nice and under 25, so it is really easy to relate to them," Young said.

Senior Jennie Gaw has created her own business, Juber, one with flexible time commitment depending on her schedule. "Juber, Jennie plus Uber, is my personal chauffeuring business, except unlike Uber, most people know me, or at least know about me, so they feel more comfortable," Gaw said. Her clients include Harpeth Hall middle school students, freshman and sophomores who do not drive yet, as well as adults. Her rates depend on the duration of the trip. "I have driven people anywhere from tutoring, concerts, home, etc. The name is catchy, but I am not affiliated with the corporate company of Uber," she said.

From an adult's standpoint, math teacher Jennifer Webster believes working a first job while attending high school is a worthwhile experience. "I think it is important that students make their own money and learn how to budget and spend their money wisely," Mrs. Webster said. "I never thought very hard about spending my parents' money, but as soon as I saw how much I had to work to bring home that first paycheck I learned a lot about the value of the dollar." Working as a student teaches financial skills and can deliver a reliable source of money. Jobs can be a fun way to get involved in the community.

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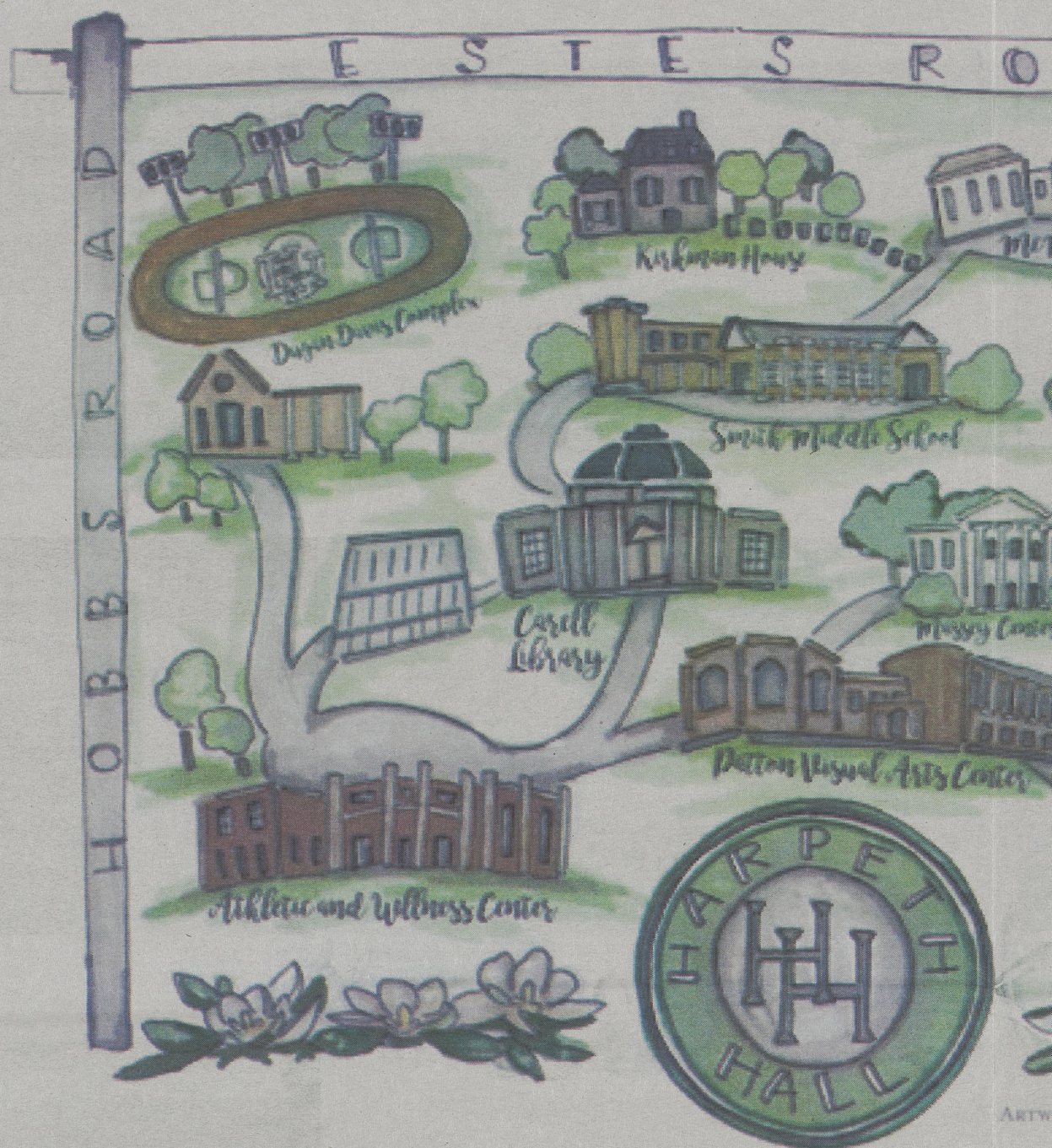
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Getting to Know our Magnificent M

He brightens the days of students and faculty in our Harpeth Hall community. He never fails to provide a smile. He fearlessly leads our maintenance team who are the heart and soul of our beautiful campus.

Mr. Brad McKenzie is truly a treasure at Harpeth Hall. He is also spending his last month at Harpeth Hall this October. At the end of month, due to personal reasons, Mr. McKenzie will be leaving Harpeth Hall after 6 years of selfless service.

We thank you, Mr. McKenzie, for your positive impact on Harpeth Hall's campus and community. As Head of Maintenance, your leadership and kindness will be missed.



"During the summertime, it's almost boring because you guys aren't there."

Tim Haverstick

"Last fall we were winterizing the irrigation system, and there was a geyser that shook the entire building and people thought there was an earthquake."

Tim Haverstick

"We are a very close knit group. We see each other more than we see family. We have gone through two deaths on our team which is probably the hardest thing we've endured but it has drawn us closer as a group."

Brad McKenzie

Mark Fancher



- Came to HH: July 1992
- Fun Fact: Tennessee Titans season ticket holder

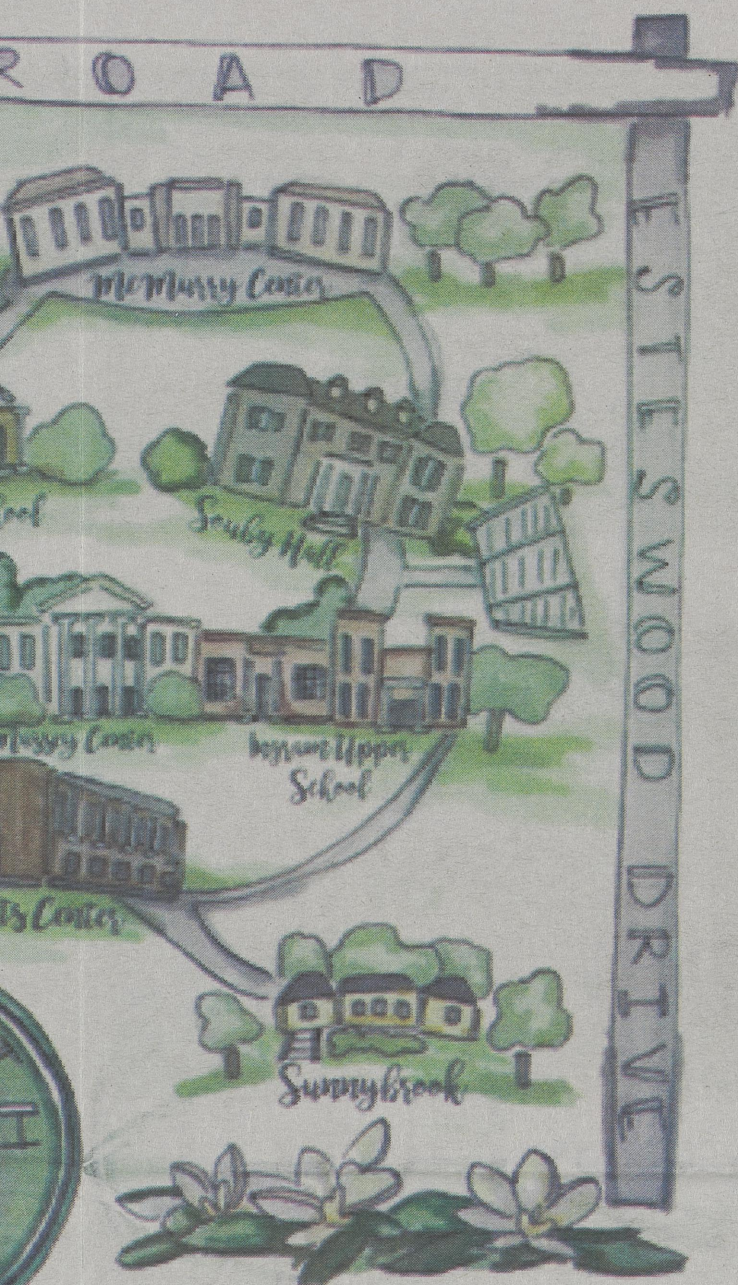
Jeff Minikus



- Came to HH: Sept. 1990
- Fun Fact: Harley Davidson enthusiast, rides Blue Rge Pkwy

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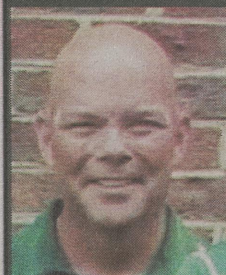


Brad McKenzie



- Came to HH: Oct. 2011
- Fun Fact: volunteer police officer for 20 years

Shane Roberts



- Came to HH: March 2007
- Fun Fact: loves camping with wife and three sons

Frankie Beech



- Came to HH: Sept. 2012
- Fun Fact: one of the best slow pitch softball players in TN

Tim Haverstick



- Came to HH: Feb. 2011
- Fun Fact: worked fields of AA/AAA minor league baseball

Andrew Chervenak



- Came to HH: March 2017
- Fun Fact: big UT fan and enjoys outdoors activities

Daniel Cole



- Came to HH: Aug. 2005
- Fun Fact: avid Harley Davidson enthusiast

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"I just come in and work and try to do the best I can."

Tim Bragg

"Oil spills, gas leaks, you name it."

Jeff Minikus

Watching young ladies come in as fifth graders and shy and then go out as twelfth graders with heads held high, ready to attack the world, it's pretty rewarding to know we play a part in that."

Brad McKenzie

Tim Bragg



- Came to HH: Oct. 2015
- Fun Fact: former owner of his own construction company

Austin Bragg



- Came to HH: April 2016
- Fun Fact: worked for yacht-building company in Maine

Open gradebook: to switch or not to switch?

PRO

BY ZENAB MCHAUURAB
Staff Writer

Implementing an open gradebook versus keeping the current closed gradebook has been a heavily debated issue; however, for me and many others, an open gradebook is the solution. This method would provide students with updated averages without having to contact their teachers.

Currently at Harpeth Hall, we get monthly progress reports that are supposed to be snapshots of our grades until the semester is over. Yet these do not seem to provide an accurate assessment, as our grades change when the next homework assignment, test or quiz is entered. This system leaves students wondering how their grade has changed, instead of providing important insight needed to grow academically.

In a recent survey of Harpeth Hall students, 57% of students wanted an open gradebook, many using the stress of the unknown to justify their preference. The open gradebook allows students to adjust how they manage their time studying for different classes, to visit specific teachers, and to determine what part of a class is most heavily affecting their grade.

Several students say having an open gradebook would eliminate surprise and stress when the progress reports are released. "I would be immensely less stressed out if we had an open gradebook," senior Lia Hayduk said. "I would always know how I was doing in a class and never have to wonder. Additionally, both of my brothers have an open gradebook and it has worked excellently at their respective schools."

It is a common fear that with an open gradebook, parents would constantly check their daughter's grades and potentially be made aware of them before she is herself. However, many students that tell their parents their grades when the progress reports come out feel ambushed when they have a grade they weren't expecting on their report. They are left with no explanation for why their grade is lower than they expected.

Closed gradebook proponents also argue that an open gradebook would result in more stress among students, as well as grade-obsession. Nonetheless, many also argue that their stress levels are higher when they don't know how their grades are being affected, and a new obsession forms as they try and find out how their average has changed.

"Providing students with an open gradebook would not force them to check their



OPEN COMMUNICATION: Sophomore Mary Griffin meets with English teacher Meg Griswold. Photo by Stefanie Chiguluri.

grades; rather, it would give students the opportunity to be aware of their grades if that's what they chose," junior Annmarie Allos said. "For me, always guessing what my averages are makes me more stressed than knowing what I need to work on and how I can improve. Keeping our grades from us stems from good intentions, but is patronizing, and makes us feel as though we can't make our own decisions. They're my grades. I put in the effort. I should not be forced to rely on teachers to show them to me."

An open gradebook allows students to structure their studying time as well as choose to set goals and stay on track.

CON

BY MADDIE WARREN
Staff Writer

Harpeth Hall's choice to have a closed gradebook is unusual in Nashville. The majority of private schools have opened gradebooks entirely to students and parents. The open gradebook is truly a loss for schools across the United States, but thankfully this phenomenon has yet to reach Harpeth Hall.

own grades. It also allows for a margin of error if you flunk a quiz or forget you have homework. If Harpeth Hall went to an open gradebook system, it would push even more unwanted stress on students.

Coming from Franklin Road Academy, which had an open gradebook, I can say that it is not as helpful as it sounds. Open gradebook systems result in heightened anxiety and an increase of helicopter parenting. Every student and parent constantly checks their grades, waiting for that next grade to show up. It draws the students' attention from the love of learning to a focus solely on making good grades. Upon entering Harpeth Hall, my entire perspective on grading shifted. I learned how much better a closed gradebook truly is.

When discussing this issue with my mom, she said, "I was crazy back then. I checked your grades all the time, but now I like the closed gradebook. It would be weird to go back and I do not want to go back to the crazy helicopter parent I was." She and I know the harsh consequences of an open gradebook system.

Over the past year, the Harpeth Hall faculty has been discussing whether or not the school should transfer to an open gradebook system. As a part of this debate, four current teachers, Buffy Baker, Jenny Jervis, Maddie Waud, and Adam Wilsman as well as current and former Upper School division heads Armistead Lemon and Jess Hill, contributed to an eight-page paper advocating to keep the grade book closed.

"Adding an open gradebook system would be one of the most detrimental things to our Harpeth Hall culture," Coach Baker said. Last spring, the academic council, made up of every department head on campus, voted unanimously against it.

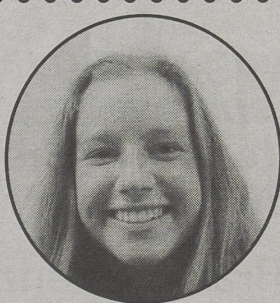
Transitioning to an open system would not only change the lives of students, but also the culture of Harpeth Hall. Life for our Honeybears would be much more stressful, and the focus would turn from learning to grades. In order to maintain our grade-positive culture, we must retain our closed grade book system.

Is MBA's Homecoming worth all the hype?



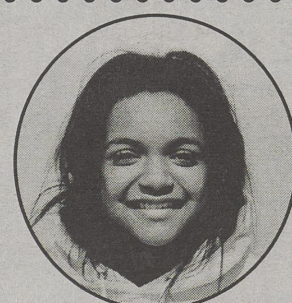
"I think it depends on who you go with. The guys decide everything, and you're not necessarily with your friends, so I personally don't think it's that fun."

-Caroline Powers, Junior



"Sophomore year, no one talks about it or really cares. It's fun to get ready, but the actual dance itself is not that fun."

-Caroline Harwell, Sophomore



"I like the drama."

-Tena Beard, Senior

Where have all the good theater men gone?

BY MARY CATHERINE CLAVERIE
Staff Writer

"Footloose," "Return to the Forbidden Planet" and "Dearly Beloved" were amazing productions performed in the past year. What do these all have in common? Along with the stunning performances of our Harpeth Hall girls, it's the presence of MBA boys working together with them. Without the presence of MBA boys in Harpeth Hall shows and vice versa, both theater departments would be weaker. It is important for both schools to continue these collaborations.

Harpeth Hall and Montgomery Bell Academy theatre departments have been collaborating for years, switching off who hosts which musical. Last year, "Return to the Forbidden Planet" was hosted at MBA, so this year Harpeth Hall hosted "Footloose," the 20th Harpeth Hall/MBA collaborative production.

It is hard to perform both musicals and straight shows (plays without music or singing), without both boys and girls. However, over the past few years, it seems that more MBA boys audition for MBA shows than Harpeth Hall shows.

"Personally, I like that MBA had a lot less limits," MBA senior Joseph Hatcher said. "For example, with profanity we [the MBA theater department] are allowed to include everything, which I prefer." Because of this freedom, Hatcher would rather audition for MBA shows.

MBA boys also choose to participate in shows at their school due to the productivity of rehearsals. Sophomore John Thornton said, "I think there's a better overall time management, meaning I feel like the rehearsals are always an appropriate length and that they are generally efficient."

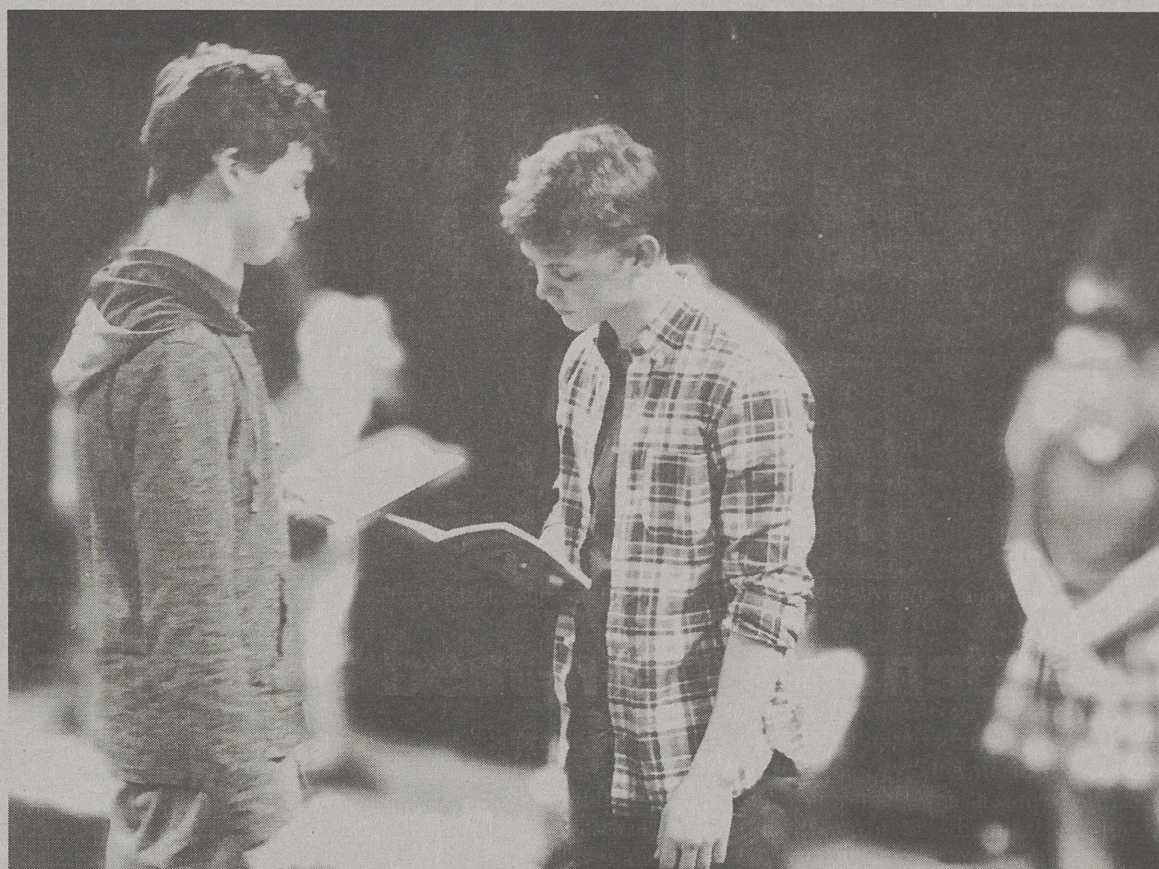
Other reasons included the fact that doing a show at MBA means a short walk to the MBA theater after school, as opposed to a ride to Harpeth Hall, which is more difficult for many boys, especially those who cannot drive.

The fact that MBA boys are more likely to audition for shows at their school than at Harpeth Hall has greatly affected girls in the theatre program. Because of the lack of boys auditioning, productions with prominent male and female characters are difficult to put together.

Junior Lillian Stowe said, "While we get a fair amount of MBA boys auditioning for our plays, we need to do a better job of reaching out to them.

There are some talented actors at MBA and their involvement in our program would improve it."

Although not as many MBA boys audition for Harpeth Hall shows, there is a strong male presence in our theatre department. Many boys from MBA were recently in "Footloose," and a decent number are currently in Harpeth Hall's production of "A Winter's Tale." Additionally, the cast of "A Winter's Tale" includes male actors from schools such as



GENTLEMEN, SCHOLARS, ACTORS: MBA students John Jameson (left) and JP Cooper rehearse for "Animal Farm". Photo by Stefanie Chiguluri.

Hume-Fogg and Centennial High School.

Harpeth Hall has seen a recent decline in the number of MBA boys auditioning for our shows; however, the same cannot be said for the amount of Harpeth Hall girls auditioning for MBA productions.

Why? Harpeth Hall girls don't seem to mind the changes in schedule or practicing on MBA's campus. Are our girls less affected by these drawbacks? Or does the answer stem elsewhere?

Regardless, because both schools are single-gender, it can be easy to forget

what it is like to work with people of the opposite sex. Several theater students have commented that the stage provides them with an easy, low-stress way of befriending members of the opposite sex.

It is still important that MBA and Harpeth Hall continue to collaborate for their shows. Through these collaborations, Harpeth Hall girls and MBA boys are able to learn from and teach one another, developing social skills and making friendships that will last a lifetime.

Not just her-story: expanding awareness months

BY MAGGIE SULLIVAN

Opinions Editor

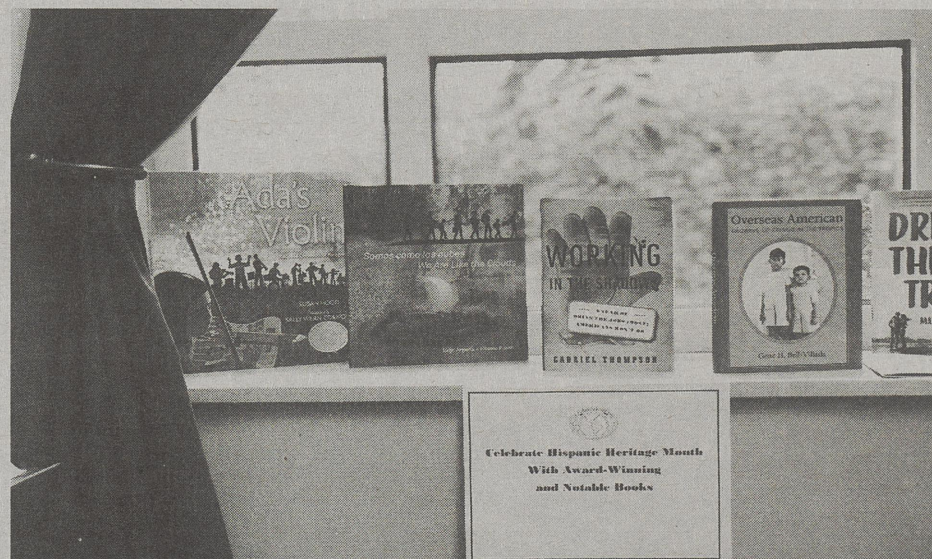
Harpeth Hall attempts to engage in the appreciation of various groups through its celebration of Hispanic Heritage, Black History and Women's History Month. However, it is worth taking a closer look at why these months are chosen for celebration, while others fall to the side.

The celebration of these months is a relatively new addition to our school. The assemblies for Hispanic Heritage Month and Black History Month have only existed for three years, and Women's History Month in March was first acknowledged last year.

These assemblies are beloved by many and often looked forward to by students who appreciate their fun spirit and the pertinent purposes they serve.

Why is it, though, that Harpeth Hall has chosen Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month and Women's History Month to acknowledge at this level? The underrepresented groups celebrated in these months fall across the most acknowledged racial and gender lines, and the support Harpeth Hall shows for them through celebrating their months is not disputed.

As with many relatively homogenous communities working toward diversity, Harpeth Hall began with racial diversity. Two years ago at a Black History Month assembly, a video of interviews of students of color at both MBA and Harpeth Hall ended with the note that Harpeth Hall's percent of students of



NOTABLE HISPANIC BOOKS: English teacher Denise Croker's windowsill displays award-winning and notable books in light of the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Photo by Blanca Sass.

color had increased to 15% over roughly 30 years. The light applause from the audience indicated a slight sense of approval, if not pride at this statistic.

However, focusing on only racial diversity in the public forum can exclude minorities that do not fall along racial lines. Though the school is working toward the goal of racial diversity, minorities in socioeconomic status, disability, religion and sexual orientation, among others, often go unacknowledged.

When the school struggles to cultivate diversity effectively, acknowledging it through awareness and celebration shows hope for change. The history month is the

perfect venue for this awareness.

In order to achieve diversity with other minorities, it is necessary that Harpeth Hall first acknowledge and celebrate their existence and history. The commemoration of religious holidays as instituted over the past year through food and other activities at break has been very popular with students and allowed more awareness of less-acknowledged religions. Is such a tribute possible for other types of minorities?

To Real World faculty sponsor Claire Gonzalez, the answer is yes. "The key to this is really having someone or some group who's willing to put it together,

because that's all it takes. You can't say, 'I think we should do this,' you have to say, 'I will do it.' If you build it, people will come."

So if you want your minority community to be recognized by Harpeth Hall, take action. As Head of School Stephanie Balmer writes on the Harpeth Hall website, "Harpeth Hall is committed to a student body that reflects Nashville—and to the richness that comes with a diverse, increasingly cosmopolitan population."

If you too are committed to this important goal, the minority you wish to celebrate likely has a month of its own. Autism Awareness Month in April, Jewish American History Month in May, LGBT History Month in October and Native American Heritage Month in November are just a few examples.

If you want these communities to be honored and recognized at our school, now is the time to be proactive. Real World President Stella Vujic said, "Months like Hispanic Heritage Month and Black History Month are really important times for us as a community to think about how other cultures and how the diversity of our community enriches our culture."

But if we only recognize two races publicly, how diverse are we really?

Start discussions, speak to club leaders, enact ideas - and if you do, the next assembly may make hundreds of students more aware of the history and heritage that matters to you.

Which eerie show should you watch this fall?

"Riverdale" versus "Stranger Things" face-off: what to tune into this Halloween

BY OLIVIA OLAFSSON & BUSHRA RAHMAN
Features Editor & Editor-In-Chief

Inspired by the Archie comics, "Riverdale" has the aesthetic of a 1950s small town, with soda shops and biker gangs, yet still retains a modern feel. The neon lights illuminate the scandalous events that occur. The show premiered on Jan. 26, 2017 with 13 episodes.

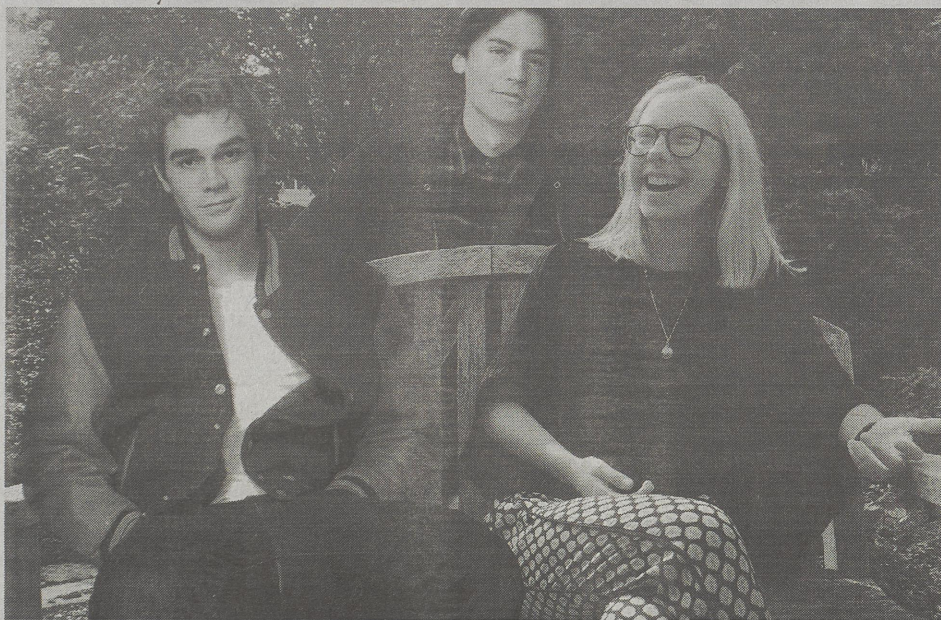
After the disappearance of Jason Blossom, a star student and high school jock, chaos ensues in the town of Riverdale. With its seemingly innocent aspects, the town looks the part of perfection, yet lies and deception simmer under the surface.

High school students Archie Andrews, Betty Cooper, Veronica Lodge and Jughead Jones are thrust into situations that entangle public and private life. Their curiosity leads them to discover

unfavorable secrets about the town and its inhabitants that all seem to connect to the death of their fellow classmate. With their parents involved in many of the scandals, the students can trust no one, not even themselves. Because of this, their trust in one another is tested by the many obstacles they face, especially when romance is added to the mix.

Riverdale season 2 will return on Oct. 11 at 8 pm. At the end of season 1, the audience is shocked by exposed truths and a devastating family incident. The complications of season 1 will carry over to season 2, as new characters appear to complicate the storyline. Relationships will be tested, while some grieve over the loss of a loved one, and others seek revenge.

Season 2 is a breeding ground for drama, so do not miss out.



PART OF THEIR WORLD: Archie and Jughead from "Riverdale" sit in the Patton courtyard with Olivia Olafsson. Photo edited by LC Essary.



WOAH: Bushra Rahman hides in the woods with "Stranger Things" characters, Lucas, Mike, and Dustin. Photo edited by LC Essary.

After only its first season, "Stranger Things" has become all the buzz among its viewers with its gripping storyline and nostalgic 80s feel. The show premiered on July 15, 2016 on Netflix, and the first season consisted of eight fast-moving episodes.

The monster mystery is set in the sleepy town of Hawkins, Indiana, and centers around a group of four young boys. The plot picks up when one of the boys, Will, mysteriously vanishes within the first episode. The disappearance also coincides with the revelation of a military-research facility conducting questionable experiments in the town.

The show combines elements of an investigative drama and science fiction, as one girl with unexplainable powers escapes from the facility and helps the boys and Will's distressed mother in

their search.

What is especially unique about the show is that it pays homage to 80s cinema, drawing from many of their themes and aesthetics, which serves to invoke a certain nostalgia in the viewer. The Steven Spielberg "kids on bicycles" and "small town adventure" scenes seem all too familiar, but are also just as exciting to the audience.

While the show draws certain elements from the past, its genius lies in its ability to simultaneously provide a refreshing and new storyline which keeps the audience on the edge of their seats with no clue of what may be unveiled next.

The second season of the hit show premieres Oct. 27; be sure to tune in to the second season to add some spookiness to your Halloween.

International Music Playlist

BY SOPHIE MCKENZIE
A&E Editor

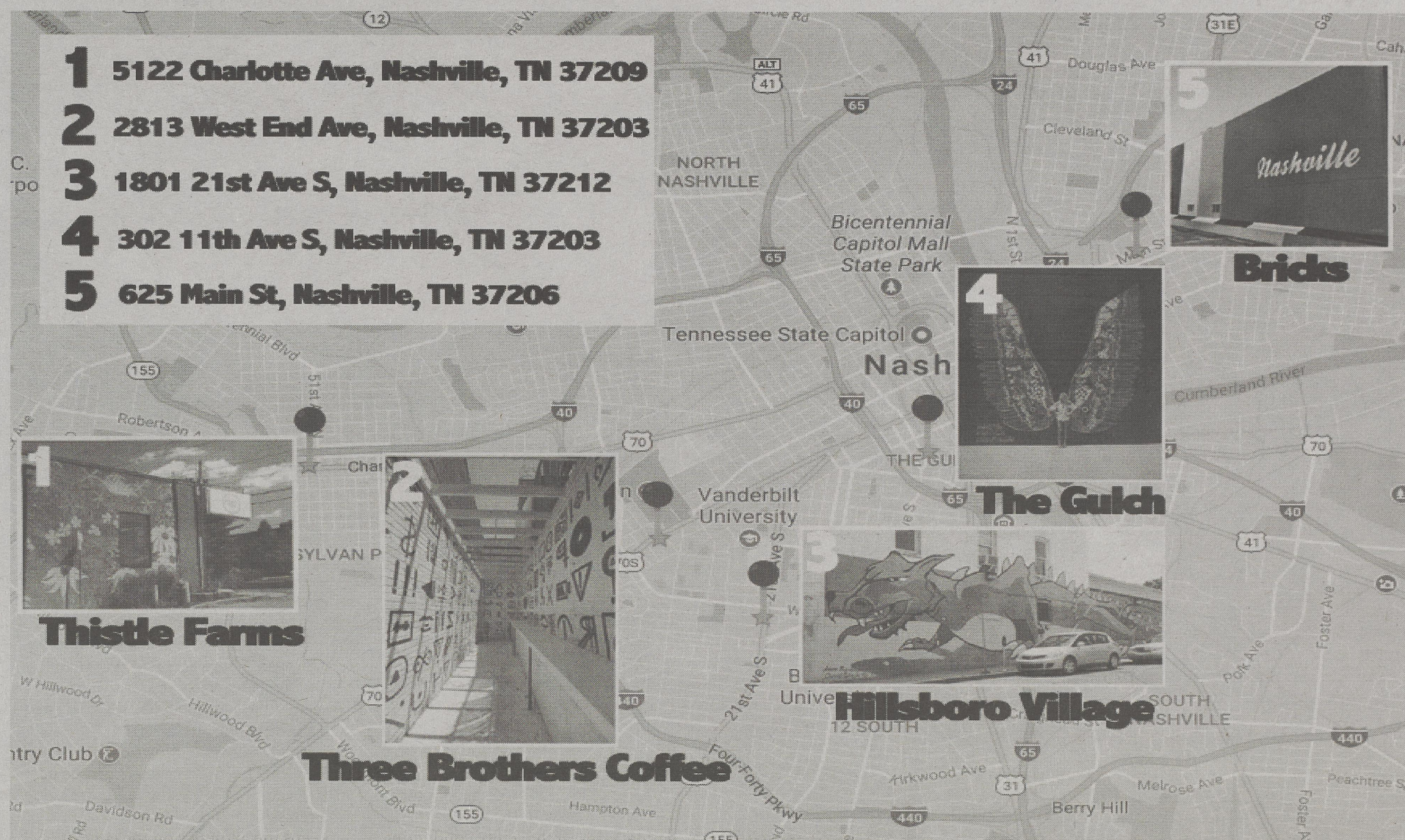
Be sure to check out the Logos Spotify account, "hhlogos"!

Some popular new songs in countries all over Asia, Europe, and the Americas

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A map of the best murals in Music City

BY LC ESSARY
A&E Editor

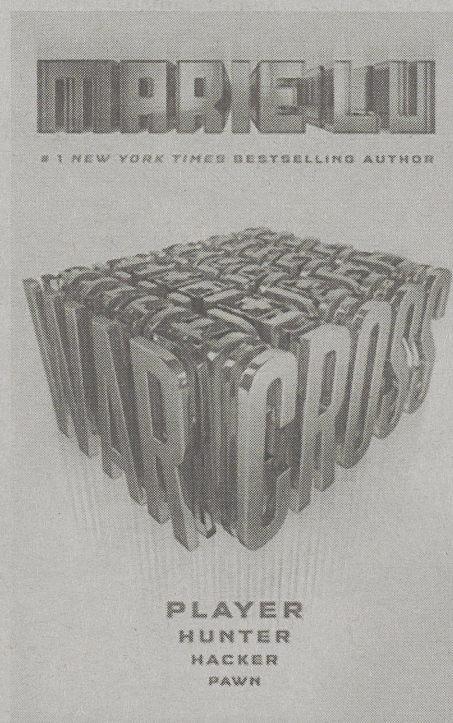


Exciting book recommendations this autumn

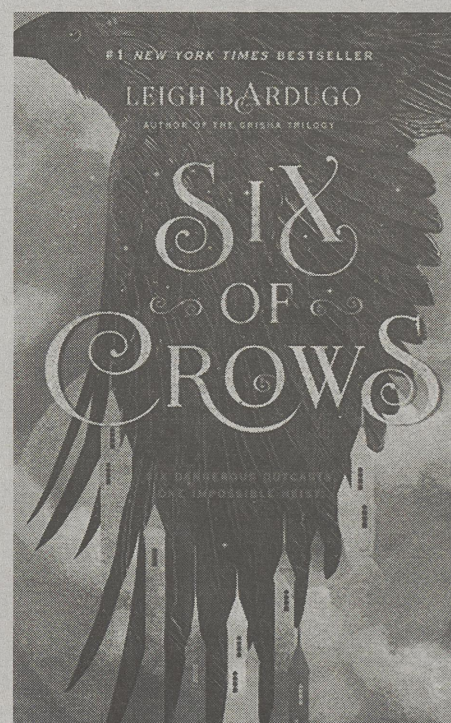
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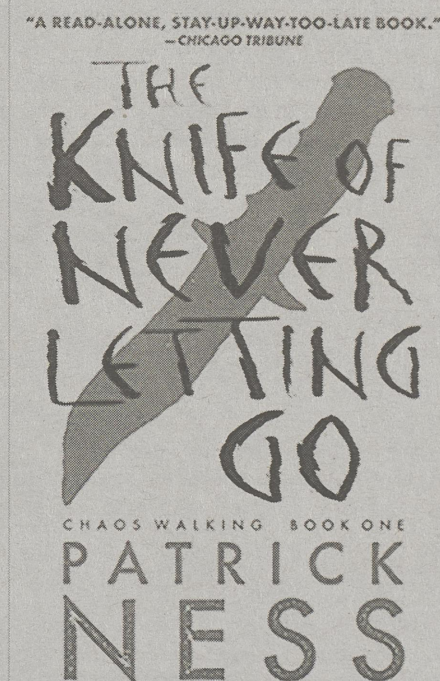
"A Million Junes" by Emily Henry is a dreamy book that perfectly captures the attributes of magic realism. The story centers around two feuding families, the O'Donnells and the Angerts, as they navigate grief and bitterness in their small town of Five Fingers, Michigan. Teenagers Jack "June" O'Donnell and Saul Angert must team up together in order to break a curse that has been haunting both families for generations. Neither of them were expecting love. Emily Henry is also the author of the renowned "The Love that Split the World" and is known for her lyrical and poignant prose.



"Warcross" by Marie Lu is unlike any other book you've read before. Marketed as a "cyberpunk series opener," the book centers around a virtual reality battle game called "Warcross." Readers follow the whip-smart hacker Emika Chen as she competes on the games battlefield, connects with the elegant yet enigmatic Hideo Tanaka and investigates the hidden hacker who is attempting to permanently destroy the game, no matter the cost. An acclaimed author, Lu is known for the Legend series and the Young Elites series; both of which are favorites here on campus and are NYT Best Sellers.



"Six of Crows" by Leigh Bardugo is a book that is simply riveting. The premise is simple: six outcasts must unite in order to pull off one impossible heist. This book has something for everyone: a plot full of twists, an accessible fantasy that combines magic and machinery, unique and intriguing characters and masterful writing. After all, not just any book can gather five starred reviews and be named as New York Times Notable Book of 2015. The story continues in book two, titled "Crooked Kingdom." This duology definitely lives up to its hype: check them out today!



"The Knife of Never Letting Go" by Patrick Ness is one of the most original books I have ever read. It follows Todd, a teenager growing up in Prentissstown, a place where every citizen can hear each others' thoughts. When Todd learns a terrible secret, he must escape his town. However, how do you run away from pursuers who can hear your every thought? "The Knife of Never Letting Go" is currently being developed into a movie titled "Chaos Walking" (slated for a 2019 release), which will feature actors like Daisy Ridley, Tom Holland, Mads Mikkelsen, and Nick Jonas.

Nelson and Walsh make HH proud at Worlds

BY MOHINI MISRA

Staff Writer

"Swimmers to your marks—go!" Your body snaps to attention as you break the surface of the cold water, the noise of the crowd fanning out to a quiet murmur.

In this instance, you enter an underwater calm. Your energy centers and your body is poised to go. Before this moment the race belonged to the future, something you became used to anticipating. Now, it is just you, the water, and your willpower.

Swimmers across the country have shared a similar experience at the start of a swim meet. The nerves, physical exertion, and mental toughness are typical parts of the sport.

What is not typical is having the opportunity to represent your country in the natatorium before you can even vote.

Harpeth Hall junior Ella Nelson and sophomore Alex Walsh are hardly typical swimmers.

This past summer, Nelson and Walsh travelled to Indianapolis to compete in the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships, swimming not for their school or their swim club, but for the United States of America.

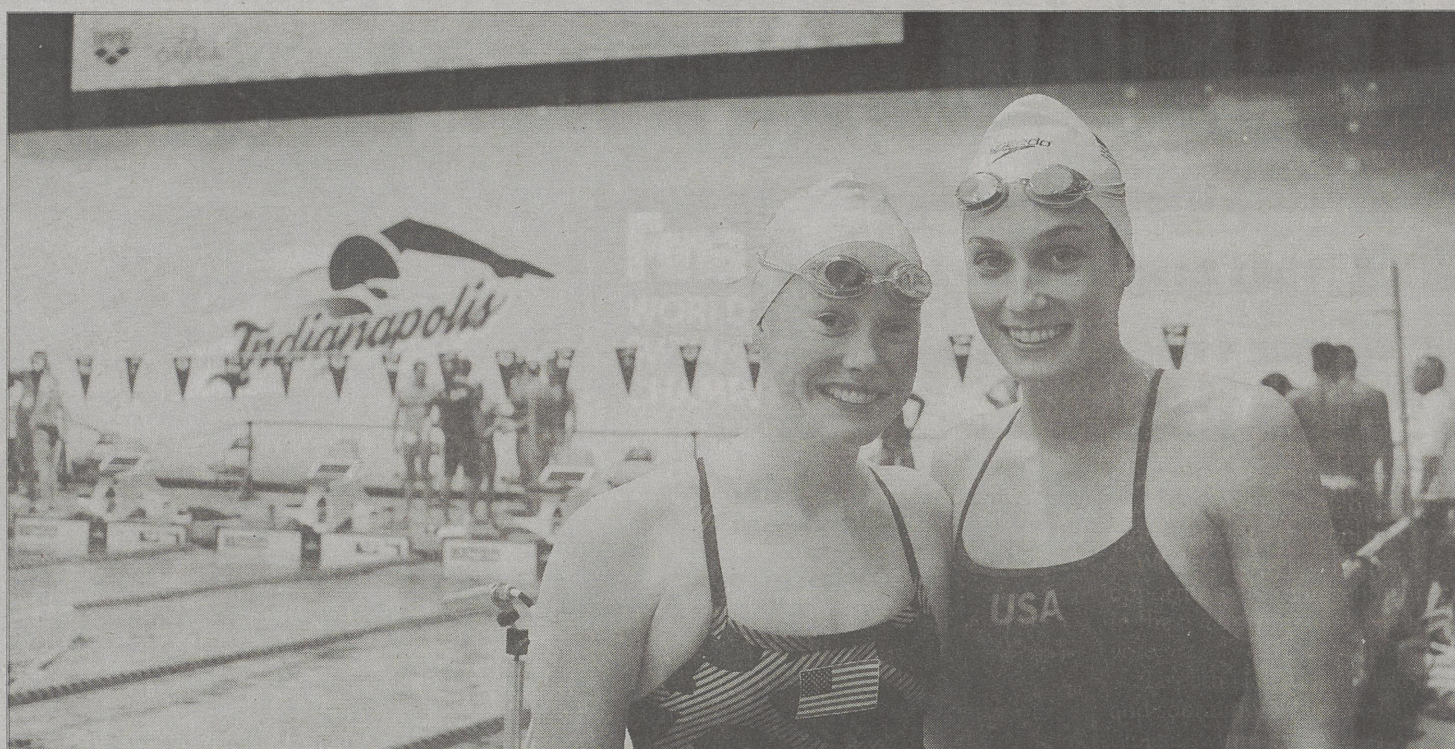
Competing against over 100 countries, they had stellar results. Walsh swam the 200 meter IM (individual medley), becoming the 4th best youth swimmer in that event.

She later swam on the 4x100 Freestyle relay team and got a silver medal. For the 200 Breaststroke, Nelson earned 2nd place in the world.

Nelson and Walsh have competed in large meets before, like the Olympic Trials in 2016, but this past summer was their first international competition.

They both agree that the people representing the country alongside them were the highlight of their Junior International experience.

Walsh admitted that she didn't do as well as she had hoped in the 200IM but



POST-RACE SMILES: Sophomore Alex Walsh and junior Ella Nelson represent the US at the FINA World Junior Swimming Championship. Photo courtesy of Ella Nelson.

was reassured by her teammates. "The team all came up to me and hugged me, and their encouragement was the thing that helped me in the second race," Walsh said.

Nelson added to that, saying the close relationships she had with the other swimmers led to what she nicknamed a "post-meet-depression."

Both of the girls expressed how meaningful it was to swim for the United States.

"It was important to remember that we were not swimming alone, but with the whole country behind us. Every time I think about it, it gave me chills, and it still does," Nelson said.

The two swimmers were able to meet swimming legends and Olympians Missy Franklin and Lilly King. Both Franklin and King shared the experience of swimming in Junior Internationals just a few years ago.

Nelson and Walsh marvel at their idols' accomplishments over a few short years, but they themselves have made equally awe-inspiring progress. Both started swimming when they were four and entered the competition level later in their careers.

In fact, Nelson only started swimming competitively after she turned 11, just 5 years ago. For both of the girls to grow and improve so much in such a short time is incredible.

However, what may be even more extraordinary than their accomplishments is their character. When talking with them, not even once did either acknowledge that she was one of the best youth swimmers in the world today.

If you never asked, you would never know. The girls who train with them note this humility as well as their positivity and energy.

When asked to encapsulate her feelings about swimming in one word, Alex chose three letters: fun. It truly is a love of swimming that propels these girls to approach the sport with the determination and hard work that leads to such accomplishments.

What's next for Nelson and Walsh? Of course, they love swimming for Harpeth Hall and Nashville Aquatic Club and will continue to represent both.

They look forward to the summer's long course season because that is when they train for the events that they swim in high-stakes meets.

Such competitions like the Junior Pan-Pacific Championship in Fiji and Pan-Americans in Peru next summer will likely see both girls in the natatorium.

Junior Nationals is not where it ends for these two girls. Continually driven athletes, Nelson and Walsh have much more in store. Tokyo 2020?

A glimpse beyond the realm of American sports

BY MARY JOHNSON

Staff Writer

There are a myriad of sports that are played in other countries: some are known and others are completely unknown to us. I was able to learn about a number of international sports, specifically in South Africa and Australia, while on an exchange in Johannesburg this summer.

The most popular sports in South Africa include cricket, soccer and rugby, my personal favorite. In rugby, two teams compete to score the most points by passing, kicking or running the ball to their respective endzones; it is somewhat similar to football but even more exciting.

There are no pads to protect the players' bodies and few breaks and timeouts, making rugby so intense to watch.

While in South Africa, I attended a rugby match between the South African Springboks and the French Gallic Cockerels. It was amazing to witness passionate South African pride and affinity for the game of rugby.

My exchange sister, Megan Swallow, is skilled in both netball and hockey.



SOUTH AFRICAN PRIDE: Mary Johnson and her South-African friends attend a rugby game between South Africa and France. Photo courtesy of Mary Johnson.

Netball is similar to basketball, but with no backboard to the hoop and on a court smaller than the standard basketball size. I was able to watch a school netball tournament and saw Megan and previous Harpeth Hall exchange student Sanda Nyoka play in a handful of great matches.

Another popular sport played in South

Africa is field hockey. Field hockey is similar to lacrosse except the ball is controlled by a hockey stick to guide it across the field and into the goal. Despite not playing lacrosse since seventh grade or hockey in my life, I participated in practice and even a game during my time there; Megan and her teammates did not

think I was half bad! I tried my best during the match, but I spent more time making friends with the other team than I did trying to score a goal.

Another exchange student, Sunny, is from Tasmania, Australia, and participates in football. Australian Football, also known as footy, is similar to rugby and American football. It is Australia's most popular winter sport and is played by both men and women.

Eighteen players on each side tackle each other to get the ball. The goal is to score by getting the ball through the gaps between four posts around the field.

"Christmas to Australians," is how Sunny describes the national championship.

"Everyone has parties and BBQ with their mates; it's almost a religion." This sounds familiar to the Super Bowl in America.

While in South Africa, I enjoyed learning about international sports and saw the unity they bring. Athletics bring countries and the world together in competition and celebration.

Harpeth Hall's Ultimate (Frisbee) Faculty Scene

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Ultimate Frisbee is popular in Nashville and around the world, but it is not seen regularly in the Harpeth Hall community since it isn't played by students. However, multiple faculty members at HH are Ultimate Frisbee fanatics, including Upper School science teachers Nick Wang and Gary Schott and fine arts teacher Joan Curry.

What appeals to these teachers about the sport? "I'm not a particularly athletic person, but I do enjoy being active and exercising," Mr. Wang said. He grew up around the sport because his two older brothers played it who were more skilled than he at the time. However, after he joined a frisbee team, he ended up being better than they were. Though he started later, he has been loyal to the sport, outlasting his brothers by a longshot.

Mr. Wang is the current captain of an adult league team called Blade and loves playing with his teammates. In early September, he competed in a match against a team that included retired NFL players, defeating them while also proving the essence of teamwork and strategy embodied by his team. He loves his tank top uniform, showing off his guns while he is playing in tournaments.

Dr. Schott shares Mr. Wang's passion for the sport. He started playing in graduate school at Michigan State and continues today as an outlet for fun. Nowadays, Dr. Schott's athletic hobby manifests itself at



GAME FACE: Science teacher Nick Wang demonstrates his Ultimate Frisbee form. Photo by Kathleen Norton.

Harpeth Hall; he has brought Ultimate to our own Souby lawn! It is not a rare sight to see him and his seven senior advisees playing together, sometimes joined by Mr. Wang's advisory.

Recalling a moment when he along with Upper School English teacher Joe Croker's class played ultimate frisbee at Harpeth Hall, Dr. Schott laughed when he mentioned the times he "trampled" over

the girls. He mentioned that his height was probably not optimal in the perspectives of the Harpeth Hall girls, but they still had a great time getting their energy out and having fun.

Ms. Curry's love for Ultimate Frisbee was sparked in college (in New Hampshire) when she first joined a team. When she moved to Nashville, she was invited to join a team of Vanderbilt graduate students

called "FLO," an acronym for "For Ladies Only" that traveled around the southeast. Curry noted, "In the height of my playing days, my team made finals several times, and I was even asked to play on a co-ed team that was very competitive."

When asked why she loves the sport, Curry said, "SOTG! Spirit of the Game represents the respect the players have for each other and fair competition."

In the early days of Ultimate Frisbee, there were no referees, but with the sport's growing popularity, more structure has been implemented.

According to Ms. Curry, "As Ultimate grows, one of the biggest philosophical challenges is how to keep SOTG yet add officials which are often required in higher-level competitions, such as the Olympics."

Though Curry does not play competitively because of her knees and injured rotator cuff, she still throws for fun. Her latest encounter with the sport was at Pilgrimage Festival. She recalled fondly, "We had a great game of Monkey in the Middle after JT when the parking lot was gridlocked for two hours!"

Believe it or not, our faculty have lives outside of school and can relate to students; they still have fun in teamwork-oriented and lighthearted environments.

Maybe one day, an Ultimate Frisbee team will be added to the Harpeth Hall community, and students will enjoy the sport as much as Mr. Wang, Dr. Schott, and Ms. Curry do.

This sport holds a place in their hearts and has brought memories that will last them a lifetime.

Athletic Alumnae: soccer player Rebecca Moris

BY CARTER HYDE
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While for many people, high school is the highpoint of their athletic careers, for others it's just the beginning of a path to professional athletics. For Harpeth Hall alumna Rebecca Moris ('14), playing soccer and lacrosse at Harpeth Hall was just the beginning.

Moris played soccer and lacrosse throughout her entire Harpeth Hall career, each year increasing her skill and gaining more respect for it. She led her team to victory in 2013, winning the state championship. She also received many honors during high school: in 2012, she was named to the all-region team and in 2013 she received an Academic All-American Athlete award, while also being part of Harpeth Hall's Cum Laude society chapter. Her love for soccer brought her to where she is today, playing at Washington and Lee University.

Ever since starting to play in a university setting, Moris has enjoyed the places athletic opportunities have taken her.



NOW: Moris fiercely makes her way down the field looking for a clean shot. Photo courtesy of Margaret Morris.

"Team sports are one of the first places I learned the importance and blessing of being loyal to and passionate about something bigger than myself," Moris said. She has learned the significance of creating friendships that will last a lifetime, both on and off the field.

Moris noted that she has often found herself using lessons she learned at Harpeth Hall. For her, being a part of a team has painted a picture of what it means to lead by example while also developing her leadership style. The coaches involved in Harpeth Hall's athletic programs stress the importance of leadership and ultimately mold athletes into good teammates and friends.

Soccer has shaped Moris into who she is today, affecting not only her friendships but also her life as a whole. "My favorite part has always been my teammates," Moris said, highlighting "memories of celebrating big wins together and laughing a lot on long bus rides or before practice and games."

Moris has been playing soccer for

almost her whole life and has never had thoughts of quitting. Though many athletes face troubles and uncertainty concerning their sport, she believes it is crucial to remember her love for the sport and to continue to push past doubts. After years of playing soccer, her love and interest in the sport has only increased. "I still love my teammates, being competitive, and getting to respect my school in a special way," Moris said.

So far throughout her college career, Moris has played in a total of 16 games, with 4 assists and 3 goals, one of these goals being the game winning shot. This season, her team has played 6 games, winning all but two, with a tie and a loss by only one goal. She has contributed positively to her team and has improved the soccer programs at Harpeth Hall soccer as well as Washington and Lee University.

Athletes like Moris spark people's interest in trying new sports. Moris is but one great example of athletic achievement and is one to be admired and respected.

Vanderbilt football: force to be reckoned with?

BY CAMDEN JOHNSON
Sports Editor

The Vanderbilt football team has started off their 2017-2018 season with strong ambition and success due to the talent of several players as well as the guidance of Coach Derek Mason. The team won the first three games against Middle Tennessee, Alabama A&M and Kansas State. Despite the traumatic 59-0 loss to top-ranked Alabama and 49-14 loss to Georgia, Vandy still persists in their determination for success.

Vanderbilt's quarterback, junior Kyle Shurmer (#14), has played an ongoing role

in leadership throughout his three years on the team. Shurmer has grown tremendously throughout his journey with his team, throwing eleven touchdown passes and one interception so far this season. His improvement involving passing yards has taken pressure off the redshirt Senior running back, Ralph Webb (#7).

Webb, Vanderbilt's running back, was ranked in the top 20 in the SEC for rushing 3,342 yards before the 2017-2018 season. If Webb runs 1,000 more yards this season, he will stand as fourth in SEC history for career total yards. He has rushed 198 yards so far

this season. Derek Mason refers to Webb as "Vanderbilt's best offensive weapon."

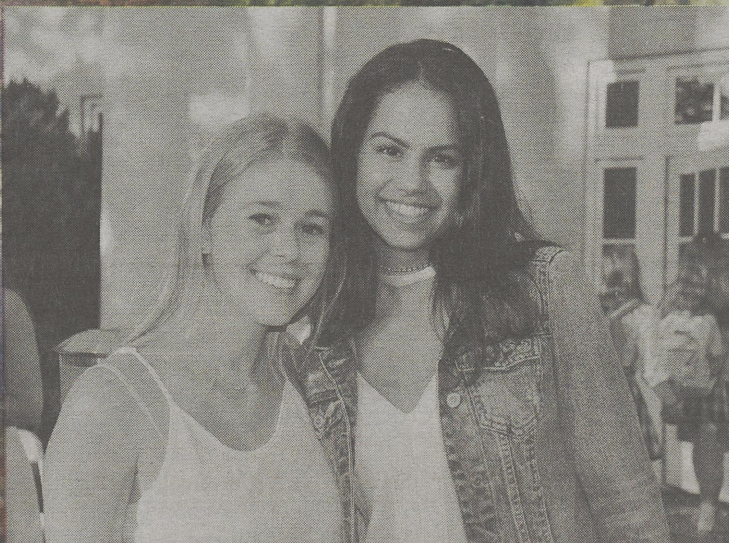
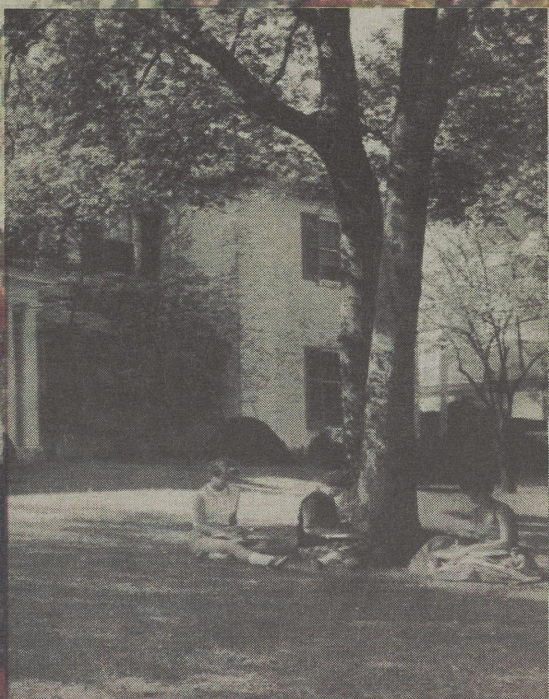
Vanderbilt's defensive team was statistically ranked number one in the nation for scoring and total defense but has taken a hit since the Alabama and Georgia games. Before their face-off with Alabama, they allowed an average of 4.3 points and 198.3 yards in their first three games. Vandy averaged 1.15 sacks per game last season, but they had five sacks alone during the first game of the season.

Defensive back Ryan White, cornerback JoeJuan Williams, linebackers Charles

Wright and Oren Burks, and defensive end Jonathan Wynn are a few of the standout defensive players for the team. Cornerback LaDarius Wiley was named the SEC defensive player of the week after the team defeated the 18th ranked team, Kansas State.

Vanderbilt's improvements so far this season have caught the attention of many college football spectators around the country, many of whom believe the team should be ranked in the top 25. Vanderbilt fans fully expect to be in a bowl game by the end of the year based on their inspired performance so far.

Leaves Changing



From Then to Now

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